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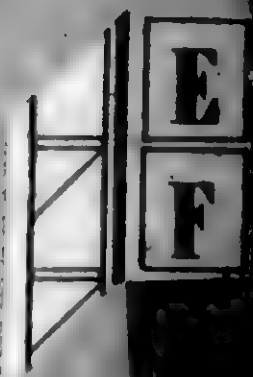
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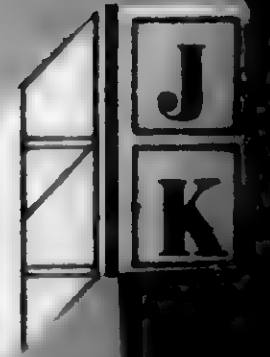
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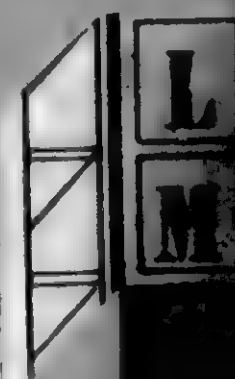
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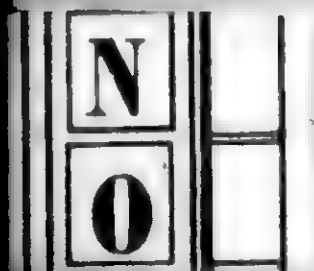
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# Circular to Agents acting under Instructions of Captain C. G. Wells.

Cotton Bureau Trans-Mississippi Dept.,

Houston, June 20th, 1864.

Sir:—You are authorized to purchase for account of the Confederate Government the Cotton in

Counties.

I. Holders who sell *one-half* their Cotton for Confederate money, (or Certificates redeemable in new currency when the funds are received,) will receive in addition a certificate against impressment of the remaining half, upon which, the officer appointed by Gen Smith, at San Antonio, will issue a permit of exportation.

II. Holders who sell *all* their Cotton will receive a draft upon W. M. Perkins, Mexico, or James Sorley, Houston, for one-half the amount payable in specie and the other half in Confederate money, (new currency,) but will acquire no privilege to export cotton.

The prices allowed will be the same as those already fixed by the Texas Cotton Office.

When planters require rope and bagging you can furnish it, receiving an equivalent in Cotton.

You are expected to canvass diligently your District and explain to each holder the terms proposed, exhausting every effort to persuade all to sell without necessitating the resort to impressment.

Should any refuse to sell, you will forward the names and the quantity of cotton held by each, to Major Gen. J. B. Magruder, through the Texas Cotton Office.

Very Respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Sgd) H. A. Broadwell

Lt. Col. and Chief.

Ordinary	8	Low Middl	12 1/2
Good ordy	11	Middling	14
		Good Middling	15 -

These purchases are made deliverable on plantations make an average classification of the whole -

Enter into a written contract, that will be binding and protect the Govt. - The schedule prices referred to you will find above.

Give those who sell, a Receipt for the quantity delivered, entitling them to a settlement here upon the terms proposed above.

Indicate whether you have acquired only one half or the whole of the cotton - Your Receipts will be taken up by me, and all the rights acquired by the vendors respected.

If an opportunity occurs to ship Cotton  
by wagons to San Antonio, consign to Capt  
G. C. Twichell there, who will pay freight  
at the rate of 2¢ per pound per 100 miles  
for mule teams, or 1 1/2¢ for ox teams.

Report your operations at the end of  
each week.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. serv  
G. C. Twichell  
Capt. &c.

HEADQUARTERS TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT, }  
SHREVEPORT, LA., June 1st, 1864. }

To the Citizens of the Trans-Mississippi Department.

I have deemed it my duty to issue a General Order, directing the purchase, and, if necessary, the impressment of one-half the Cotton in this Department, to supply the pressing wants of our armies in the field.

Your soldiers are the sole reliance for the defence of the country from invasion and desolation. They have recently furnished you a signal instance of their willingness and ability to defend your homes. Without munitions of war, clothing and medicines, they cannot be kept in the field. These articles can be obtained only by importation. Cotton is the sole means of purchase. In the same lofty spirit of patriotism which leads your sons and brothers to offer their lives for your protection, will you not sell to the Government the only product by which their valor can be made effective against the public enemy?

The impressment of Cotton will be avoided, if possible. But supplies for the army *must be had*. It is left with you to determine, whether, for the preservation of your homes, you will force the Government to resort to impressment!

E. KIRBY SMITH,  
General Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT, }  
SHREVEPORT, LA., June 1st, 1864. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 34. }

The pressing necessity of the armies in the field make it absolutely necessary that the Government should use one-half of the Cotton in this Department, for the purchase of naval and military stores, required for the defence of the country.

Discreet and proper bonded and commissioned officers have been selected, who will purchase if possible, the amount required.

If it cannot be obtained by purchase, they are authorized to impress it, in strict accordance with the terms of the Impressment Act and the General Orders issued on that subject.

District Commanders will furnish them such assistance as may be needed in executing this order.

Any attempt at illegal impressment will be promptly punished on being reported, with satisfactory proof, to District or Department Head Quarters.

The following officers are charged with the execution of this Order:

Major A. S. CABELL,  
Major W. P. BAUGHN,  
Capt. F. J. LYNCH.

Capt. B. SHROPSHIRE,  
Capt. W. W. BARRETT,  
Capt. N. A. BIRGE.

All Cotton procured by them in Texas, will be placed under the control of Lieut. Col. W. J. HUTCHINS, who will use it solely in procuring army supplies.

S. S. ANDERSON, A. A. G.

By command of  
GEN. E. KIRBY SMITH.

HEADQUARTERS, TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT, }  
SHREVEPORT, June 4th, 1864. }

GENERAL ORDER, No. 35.

I. The following regulations of the overland trade to Mexico are published for the information of all concerned:—

SEC. 1st. All cotton, tobacco, military or naval stores, sugar, molasses or rice, intended for exportation overland to Mexico, must be entered and registered with the Collector of Customs at one of the established ports of entry, and receive a permit from him after payment of export duties.

2d. Such permit shall only be granted by the Collector upon the certificate issued by a bonded and commissioned officer of the Government, to be hereafter designated, and stationed at San Antonio, Texas. Such certificate shall be issued upon an affidavit of the party applying for it, accompanied with a sworn list of the articles to be exported stating the point of exportation, to the effect that the articles so to be exported are the sole and exclusive property of the Confederate States Gov't, or of some State of the Confederacy, and are to be exported on the sole account of said Government or State, and that no third party has any pecuniary interest therein, except for freight wages, the amount of which shall be stated in said affidavit, which said affidavit and list shall be filed and preserved among the records of such office, and a duplicate of said certificate and list is to be forwarded to the Collector of the point of exportation, for his information.

3d. Any person violating the above, will be liable to the penalties declared by law.

4th. All persons introducing machinery and mechanical and agricultural implements in the Confederate States, upon making proof to the officer at San Antonio, by the certificate of the Collector, of the introduction of the machinery, &c., into the Confederate States, or its arrival at the port of entry, that officer will allow a sufficient quantity of cotton to pay for the same to go forward to the port of entry.



5th. All persons to whom the Government has furnished any of the articles named in the first section of these regulations, in exchange for army supplies already delivered, or who have actually delivered to the Government, by purchase or otherwise, any of the articles above named, will be allowed a permit to export the articles so furnished by the Government, in exchange for army supplies, or to export a like amount of the article so delivered to the Gov't. The permit of the Collector to be based upon the certificate to that effect of the bonded and commissioned officer at San Antonio, which said certificate shall be based upon the receipt in the first instance of a bonded and commissioned officer, that the army supplies were actually delivered to him for the Government, and in the other, that a like amount of the article to be exported had actually been delivered to him, also for the Government.

II. The commanding officers of districts will furnish, on the application of the officer at San Antonio, and the Collectors of the different ports of entry, such mounted force as may be necessary to ensure a compliance with these regulations.

III. The Chief of the Cotton Bureau for the Trans-Mississippi Department is charged with the exportation of all cotton belonging to the Confederate Government, and the introduction of supplies for the use of the Department.

IV. Major Asa H. Willie, C. S. P. A. C. S., will be stationed at San Antonio, Texas, and charged with the duties prescribed in the above regulations. By command of GEN. E. KIRBY SMITH.  
S. S. ANDERSON, A. A. Gen.

HEADQUARTERS, TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT, }  
Houston, June 20th. 1864.

GENERAL: I have instructed the Chief of the Cotton Bureau, who is charged with the procurement of cotton for military purposes, to propose liberal terms to the holders of cotton, and endeavor, if possible, to avoid any resort to harsh measures.

Should any decline to accept the terms proposed, which will be uniform, and tendered alike to all, their names will be forwarded to your Headquarters, and you will instruct your Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. J. E. Slaughter, to cause the impressment of the cotton of such parties, sending discreet bonded and commissioned officers, carefully instructed to observe the impressment law, and the provisions of General Order No. 34, from Department Headquarters on this subject.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

E. KIRBY SMITH, General Commanding.

To Major Gen. J. B. Magruder, Com'dg Dist. Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, Houston.

Cotton Bureau Trans Miss Department  
Houston July 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Major L. C. Rountree  
Major.

Having been assigned to duty in this Bureau, it is thought your services will be rendered available to the Government most beneficially for its interests by placing under your supervision the Counties and Agents east of the Brazos River and South of a line due east from Bosque County. — A list of the Agents and Districts in that section is herewith furnished. — You also have Orders #34 and #35 and the instructions based upon them, as well as the letter & circular instructions given to the Bounty Agents. — These will inform you of the duties imposed upon them and enable you to judge whether they are properly fulfilled. — General Order #34 will govern your action when cases arise making impressment necessary, and you will consider yourself as acting under that order as if your name was originally in it.

If in your judgement it is necessary to remove an Agent — either for inefficiency or because he is in any way objectionable to the people of his district — you will act promptly in selecting a proper man to fill his place, and upon your recommendation to this Office the change will be made. — Any departure from instructions you will rebuke. — Any unwarranted exercise of discretion by any Agent cannot be allowed. To obtain the confidence of the people it is necessary to adhere to the rules which are uniform and when properly carried out and understood will prove almost acceptable to the great majority of Cotton Holders. —

It is presumed that by a conference with these Agents you can readily ascertain the names of those who have declined to sell their Cotton to the Government, which you will proceed to impress in accordance with Genl Smith's orders — and send forward to Capt. J. C. Twichell San Antonio or the Agents of this Office at Laredo or Eagle Pass.

You will of course observe carefully the rules laid down in the impressment law, which I am solicitous should be so executed, as to least array the people against the Government and first of all upon those who have hitherto made no sales to the Texas Office or furnished only a small portion to the Government. — If the planter will make a voluntary sale in advance of impressment they will acquire the right to export a like quantity. But if he forces you to impress, give no protection for the remaining half, but let it remain subject to future similar action if necessary.

Yours Obedt



You are truly accredited as an Officer of great energy in whose integrity  
Zeal and efficiency full confidence is reposed

It is expected that you will render an account of your operations as often  
as possible If practicable report weekly.

Very respectfully,  
Yours at out.

Signed W. A. Broadwell  
Lieut Col.

P.S.

Instruct the Agents to secure their purchases beyond any contingency by  
immediately taking possession of, or marking in the name of the Govt.  
the One half sold them - so that the Ownership cannot hereafter  
change through any pretext.

If satisfactory arrangements cannot be made to forward the  
impressed Cotton to San Antonio, try to arrange for its transportation  
to the line of the Railroad for shipment to this place.

Obtain a copy of the impressment Law and observe carefully  
its provisions.

All Cotton south of a line due East from Madison County should  
be transported to the Central or New Orleans Railroads for shipment  
to Houston.

Cotton Bureau Trans. Miss. Rept.  
Houston June 20<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Sir,

When the Government furnishes Bagging and Rape  
you will receive an equivalent in Cotton at Schedule prices  
to cover the cost pay 60¢ for Gird and 60¢ for Pound  
to come out of the One half sold to the Government the  
balance of value of the Half to be paid in Confederate  
State Notes at the Schedule prices annexed hereto.

The title, considered already the property of the  
Government must be first set aside, It can form no  
portion of either the Half or the whole.

The prices for Cotton according to classification  
as far annexed Schedule will govern when the holder  
sells all his Cotton and receives in payment One half  
in specie and One half in Confederate money.

When holders sell one Half their Cotton without  
requiring the Government to furnish Bagging & Rape  
they will receive the right to export a like quantity and  
be paid double the Schedule rates in U. S. Notes.

The right to export a like amount will be given  
in every case where half the Cotton is sold and pay-  
ment received in U. S. Notes - but when all the Cotton  
is sold and a part specie payment is made No right  
to export can be acquired

Settlements upon this basis will be made  
for all purchases since 1<sup>st</sup> June upon presentation  
of the evidence of delivery to Capt A. G. Wells  
Schedule.

Ordinary  
Good only  
Low Middling  
Middling  
Good Middling

Very Respectfully  
Yours at out.

Houston June 20<sup>th</sup> /64

Circular to the Agents.



No 3194

"Copy."

Head Quarters Texas Militia Depart.

Sturtevant. June 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

The Commanding Genl directs me to say, that you are designated in Genl Order No 34 as the Officer whose duty it shall be to purchase or impress Cotton for military purposes.

You will proceed to such counties as Col Broadwell may name and call upon the local agent of the Texas Office, who is instructed to furnish you with the names of all holders of Cotton in the respective counties and the quantity in the possession of each — You will offer to purchase to such an extent as the owners are willing to sell payable in Confederate Money at the schedule price fixed by the Commissioners for Texas — If the owners refuse to sell impress one half in accordance with Genl Smith's orders, making no exceptions, unless the Cotton has been acquired from the Government or the owner has already sold one half to the Texas Office or the Cotton is protected from impressment by an order from Dep<sup>t</sup> Head Quarters.

The Cotton acquired by you will be turned over as Lt Col Hutchins may direct, upon whom you will make requisition for the necessary funds.

Should the owners prefer in lieu of the present circulation, to take your certificate for the amount redeemable in new currency, as soon as the funds are ready, you can issue certified accounts payable hereafter, for the redemption of which you will make timely requisitions upon the Agent of the Treasury, Dep<sup>t</sup>.

Should any one claim exemption upon the ground that the Cotton is the property of a State, take possession of it, and release it only when it is proven to be bonafide State property —

You will provide yourself with a copy of the Impressment Act and General Orders on the subject and be careful to follow strictly its requirements —

You will make frequent reports to Col Broadwell of your operations, and discharge your duty with perfect impartiality and in the manner least offensive — Should force have to be resorted to, the District Commanders will furnish it on your application.

I am Very respectfully Yours etc.

Signed E S West

Capt & A A G.

Cotton Bureau, Land & His Dept.  
Houston, June 23. 1864

Sir,

The enclosed papers will accredit Capt. G. Wells, with whom your correspondence in future will be conducted.

Col. Hatchins remains connected with the Office to control the disposition of the Cotton acquired by the Government in this State.

You can inform the people that every bale sold by them on the terms now proposed will not only be promptly applied but judiciously used by him for the support of our army.

You are expected to submit to the holders of Cotton in your District the orders from Dept. of Agr. on that subject.

It is believed they will see the advantage of an immediate acceptance of the terms proposed.

The acquisition of Cotton promptly will enable Col. Hatchins to supply the pressing wants of the army before winter and relieve the Commanding General of the solicitude now felt by him - whereas if Planters refuse to sell they compel imprisonment, cause delay and deprive themselves of the privilege to export a large quantity, and lose claim to any portion of the specie payment promised those who accede willingly to the proposals of the Government.

You are relied upon to purchase all the Cotton in your District within a reasonable period from this date, say 30 days, or point out what



cannot be purchased so that it can be impressed.  
In giving information to the Military authorities  
upon which impressments will be made, you are  
desired to make a proper distinction between those who  
have responded already in whole or in part to the  
previous calls of the Govt (or Local Office) and  
those who have refused to do so.

Some may claim exemption ~~exemption~~ on the  
ground that the cotton in their possession is the  
property of a State. You will inform such  
that Gen Smith's orders are to impress cotton unless  
it is known to be the exclusive property of a State -  
and to release it only when it is known to be  
bona fide State property.

You will inform that some ~~occasional~~ <sup>occasional</sup> chap  
impressments, if necessary, should be made in  
a manner that will least annoy the people  
against the Govt, - and first of all upon those  
who have hitherto contributed more or less as  
small portions of their cotton, - but I ~~feel~~ <sup>think</sup> some  
it is merely necessary <sup>with a view to the impressing of them and</sup> to show by a  
practical application of the impressment act,  
promptly, on some impatient men, that the  
General is really in earnest.

Very respectfully  
Your obt. servt.

To. Jno. G. Hastenow Esq  
Ap. Dist 4.1 -  
Brazoria -

J. Cole

#1.

3

Quartermasters' Office  
Houston June 25. 1864.

J. C. Corbin Esq.

Capt. - Fairfield

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. addressed to Lt. Col. Hutchins, in regard to your friend who desires to turn over his cotton.

You are probably in receipt of the new instructions issued upon Gen Smith's late orders, accompanied with the authority for you to act in the Counties of Innes, Keme stone & Navarro.

Under these papers you can receive the Cotton referred to, and upon the receipt which you will transmit to me I will issue the certificate with which a permit may be obtained by your friend from Major Willie at San Antonio for the exportation of a like quantity.

I trust you will convey your District with great care and be able soon to make a favorable report of your progress. The Blanks required in your agency will be sent you by mail next week.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt.

W. C. Wells

Capt. R. A. H.



#2

Quartermasters' Office

Houston, June 25. 1864

Jesse W. Baker Esq  
Brenham;

Sir,

By request of Mr W Cannon I enclose you the contract of May 18<sup>th</sup> 64, for delivery of Eighty Bales Cotton at Laredo, on Government account - Freight  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. for 500 miles - I have crossed Roma, as there is no Depot or Agent there to receive the Cotton -

Very respectfully

Yours obt serv

L. G. Wells,

Capt &amp; A. G. H.

#3

Quartermasters' Office,

Houston, June 25. 1864

Alexander Cannon Esq

Apt. Country,

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of this date covering J. W. Baker's contract for delivery of 80 B/C at Laredo - I struck out Roma as there is no Depot or Agent there to receive the Cotton - I have had it approved by Col. Matclins, and sent to him at Brenham, care of Boule de Baker as you request -

Very respectfully

Yours obt serv -

L. G. Wells

Capt &amp; A. G. H.

#4.

Postmasters' Office  
 New York June 24. 1864

J. C. Garbo Esq

Capt. Fairfield

Sir -

In consequence of the size of your District and the probable heavy burden imposed upon you by the work of three counties, it has been decided by taking from our Lincolnton County and assigning to that County Mr. S. B. Fuller of Brunns County, who will call upon you with this -

If desirable to you I will still further reduce your District. I so please designate some unexceptionable man in Brunswick County one who would be acceptable to the people & at the same time perform his duties with impartiality.

Very respectfully,  
 Your obt. servt -  
 Wm. G. Wells  
 Capt. N.Y.M.



#5.

Quartermasters Office,  
Houston June 29. 1864

S. D. Fiske Esq.

Apt. Wharton,

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 27th inst. & note contents -

The old certificates of the Cotton Office will not be used any longer - Payments for Cotton will be made as stated in the circular, at the schedule prices, in Confederate money, or specie, according to the terms and extent of the sale - For instance;

If sold, under Paragraph 1. of the circular - the seller will be paid in C.S. notes for the half sold, and will be paid in C.S. notes for the remaining half -

say - if he has 100 bales - he will receive 50 - he will be paid in C.S. notes for 50 - & his name so will be exempted -

If sold, under Paragraph 2. - the seller will be paid for one half in C.S. notes, & for the other half in a Specie of any one Mexico - In either case the computation of value is in C.S. notes at schedule prices -

Your argument will be that the seller thus obtains as much for one half his Cotton sold to Govt. as he can get for the whole amount in the open market - The exemption makes his Cotton valuable, & he can only obtain this by selling to Govt. one half his Cotton -

Very respectfully,  
G. G. Wells Capt.

G. G. Wells Capt.

#6-

Quartermaster's Office  
Harrisonburg, Va. 22801

J. A. Cook, Esq.  
New Orleans

Sir, I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. in relation to the question of the price of the goods.

The price of the goods is to be 75% of the price of the goods in the market at the time of the purchase.

It is to be understood that the price is to be 75% of the price of the goods in the market at the time of the purchase. It is to be understood that the price is to be 75% of the price of the goods in the market at the time of the purchase.

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Receipt except for Cash on Order of actually delivered  
Very respectfully  
C. G. Miller & Co.



Quartermasters Office  
Houston, June 30. 1864.

General.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the Capt. and Mrs. unattached Company Co. now on duty with Capt. J. S. Sellers A. G. M. Post. G. M. I. I have the honor to direct them to report to you for a further statement.

I have also made up the amount of the Perceps pecuniary interest for a commission in the Cotton Bureau, owing to its knowledge of cotton and cotton accounts, and this long experience in that connection. I have reason to believe that the change will be agreeable to him. His services are very essential in this office.

Very respectfully  
Yours &c  
L. G. Wells

Capt. K. A. G. M.

on duty in Cotton Bureau

Major Gen. J. C. Slaughter,

Chief of Staff. Dist. Tex. &c.

Ad. Gen. Houston,

Texas

#8.

Guarantians' Office,  
Houston, June 30 1864

Capt. F. H. Kane Co.  
Hartley, Falls Co.

Capt.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst.

The appointment of Mr. J. Bartlett as Agent for Falls County was made under the impression, created here by the receipt of your late letter to Col. Brewster, that you intended going to our country, carrying the arms, signs, and other articles the Agency held in store. This is the only reason your appointment was not continued, and I regret exceedingly that anything should have occurred tending to produce the impression that your services were not appreciated.

If you design remaining in Texas it is most cordial pleasure that I renew your appointment. Mr. Bartlett in his letter of 20th inst. suggests the substance of your letter, and permits me to day to say that if he will relinquish the Agency under the circumstances and return the papers I will transfer them to you.

I trust, Captain, that you will give Col. Brewster's suggestions credit for the best intentions towards yourself, and attribute the whole blame of the matter to our misinterpretation of your letter to Col. H.

Very respectfully

Your obedient

J. G. Wells

Capt. & Agent.



#9.

Quartermaster's Office

Havre June 30. 1864

J. Bartlett Esq. Jr.

Warline Falls Co.

Sir - I am in receipt of your favor of 25<sup>th</sup> inst. - I have written Capt. Lang in relation to his appointment the neglect to do which arose entirely from a misunderstanding of a late letter from him to Genl. Sherman, in which he spoke of joining his family east of the River. You will please confer with him and if agreeable to you both, send me the papers constituting you the Agent and I will transmit them to him. In case you will retain the Agency as formerly -

You will note that the Schedule Prices in the Circular are unchangeable, whether the payment is made in C.S. notes, when it is sold under the 1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph, or when it is in coin &c in C.S. notes, when all the Cotton is sold under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph.

Bagging & Rope will be furnished you in a short time - Of course these remarks apply to Capt. Lang who, if he takes the Agency, can act in advance of the receipt of his authority.

If you can obtain transportation for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Cotton on hand please forward it to Capt. Snichell at San Antonio, taking heading in name of Genl. Sherman, forwarding one copy to this Office.

Very respectfully

Your obt. serv.

G. W. Smith

Capt. S. G. H.

T 10 -

Quartermaster's Office.

Havre June 30. 1864

Henry H. White Esq. Esr

Audenon, Grimes Co.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 29<sup>th</sup> Inst. - You can with all confidence, assure the holders of Letters that their services will apply to the necessities of the Govt. in the most economical manner & to the best advantage & that no portion of it will be misappropriated. I am glad to note the willingness of the Planters to sell, and trust you will acquire the full quota of Cotton and relieve the necessity for improvement.

The Bagging & Rope shall be sent again instructs. There is no present intention to send any other goods into your District. You will be relied upon to purchase the desired materials, alone, until you ask for assistance, or find the field too large.

Forwards are sent you with this to Havre, care of Mr. S. J. Vetter the Depot W. T. Gen. C. B. and a small amount of Stationery - Please observe the filling up of the forms as marked.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. serv

J. G. Wells

Capt &amp; Asst.



# 11

General Office  
Hawthorn June 30. 1864

J. W. Tinsell, Agr.  
La Grange, Fayette Co.

Sir - I am in receipt of your favor of  
25th inst. and am glad to hear the favor with  
which the new plan meets in your district.

The schedule prices named in the circular are unchanged,  
whether the payment is made in C. S. money or by a note under  
Paragraph 1 - or 1/2 in C. S. & 1/2 in Specie & 1/2 in Specie & 1/2 in Specie, as  
the case under Paragraph 2, when all the Cotton is  
forwarded - Under the 1st Paragraph the inducement  
or argument to be used is the exemption for the remaining  
half, which renders this portion more valuable to the holder  
than the whole amount of Cotton without an exemption.

In making shipments now it is preferable that you  
should send no further than San Antonio - Economical  
arrangements can be made for shipment by Mexican  
trains, for such of the Cotton as is now used there.

Details will continue to be given to travelers or wagon masters  
providing transportation for to Davis, but it is necessary that  
the whole should be kept properly.

The Baggage & Rope will be sent you in a few days to  
Alleyton - I send you to care S. Holston, Agr.  
at Alleyton, a few forms & a small lot Stationery -  
Please observe the filling up -

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Holt

W. A. Holt

Capt. A. G. H.

#12. *Chancery Office*  
*Hanover, July 1. 1864.*  
*E. D. Hooring Esq.*  
*Provis Plains, Guinea Co.*

Sir,

If agreeable to you I would be glad to have you continue your position as Deputy Agent, empowered by Mr. Col. Hatcher.

You will please confer with Mr. White the Commission & General Agent for Guinea Co. and act in concert with him whenever he may require your services.

This letter will accredit you with the full powers of an agent of the Cotton Bureau, whenever you are acting under authority from Mr. White.

Very respectfully,  
 Your obedient

*W. C. Kelly*  
 Capt & Agent



4-13. Quartermasters' Office  
 Houston Sept 10th.  
 John Holston Esq. Gen.  
 Alleyton Texas

Sir.

I have your favor of 21st ult. The  
 contracts and other forms sent by mail  
 to Mr. Baldwin this morning.

The drafts will issue from this Office.  
 Those upon Mr. Forley will be payable on  
 presentation if he is in funds. The funds  
 will be provided as soon as possible, and  
 you will be paid when the provision  
 is made for them.

Those upon Mr.  
 Perkins will be payable in Galveston  
 also when in funds. It is needless to  
 say anything more except that the drafts  
 will be given in good faith and will be  
 as punctually paid as circumstances will  
 allow. The ledger in Mr. Perkins hands will  
 form a good basis for the drafts, and should  
 satisfy the vendors of the Cotton that the drafts  
 will be paid.

If they are not satisfied  
 with the proposal, let them raise the 1% drafts  
 sell for C.S. notes. The remaining 1/2 with  
 the exemption will be more valuable to them  
 in specie funds than their whole Cotton is now.

I trust your progress through your County  
 will prove a success.

Respectfully  
 A. G. Wells  
 Capt. & G. S.

#14

Cotton Bureau  
Houston, July 1. 1864  
Capt. W. B. Lee, S. G. H.,  
Beaumont,

Send three hundred  
Bales best order Cotton by Monday  
and Wednesday Trains -

W. A. Broadwell  
St. Louis -

#15.

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston July 2. 1864  
Lieutenant Amos E. C. C.  
Cincinnati,

Sir,

Send to Houston all the Solid Cotton  
you have acquired - It is needed here next  
week. - If necessary pay freight  
not exceeding 40¢ per lb for 1000 miles - Inform  
Bedden & Stone to advise me what date of Cotton  
come, as they ship.

I sent you forms by mail yesterday -

Very respectfully  
Your obt. servt

C. C. Wells

Capt. S. G. H.



#16 -

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Quartermasters' Office

Houston July 2. 1864

J.B. Bailey Esq. Apt.  
Hemphill

Sir -

Send to Houston all the Baled Cotton you have acquired - It is needed here next week. If necessary, pay Specie freight, not exceeding 1 1/2 cts. per lb. for 100 miles. Ship to the Rail Road, or to Liberty. Instructions the consignee to advise me who the lots are from.

I sent you forms by mail yesterday.

Very respectfully

Yours ob. serv

W. C. Wells

Capt. A. G. H.

#17

Quartermasters' Office

Houston, July 2. 1864.

Capt. H. B. Lee. A. G. H.

Commodore,

Legth -

Companion to Capt. & Col. Broadwell is at hand - Col. B. telegraphed you yesterday to send 300 Bales best order Cotton by Monday & Wednesday's train. The Cotton is required here next week. You will please send all the good order Cotton you have at once, & continue shipping during the week.

Col. Broadwell desires you to advise him what amount of Cotton has reached you by the Sabine, and what prospect there is of further arrivals.

Very respectfully

Yours ob. serv

W. C. Wells

Capt. A. G. H.

# 18 -

Quartermasters' Office,

Houston July 2 1864

Lt S. Manning Esq

Prairie Plains, Grimes Co.

Sir,

Letter to Mr J. H. Randolph for  
transportation to Texas, viz (viz) one hundred  
and fifteen cattle (cattle) now under your  
charge - Take of loading in name of Lt S.  
Hatchins for this lot - Assign to S. S. Hatchins  
Depot at Texas - Expense 24 for freight  
for 100 miles.

Respectfully

C. C. Wells

Capt A. G. B.

# 19

Quartermasters' Office,

Houston July 2 1864

J. S. Hedder Esq

Depot at Texas.

Sir,

Upon receipt of my letter from  
Prairie Plains by Mr J. H. Randolph's wagon,  
give him an order upon me for payment of  
freight, viz (viz) one hundred and fifteen cattle delivered -  
Exp at once to Lt. S. Hatchins at  
Houston.

Respectfully

C. C. Wells

Capt A. G. B.



Quartermasters' Office  
Houston, July 2. 1864

W. Samuel, S. A. C.  
Ad Gen Dist Tex.  
Houston.

Sir.

I respectfully ask the renewal of detail for  
Private S. H. Pope. Co. A 33<sup>rd</sup> Tex Cavalry. His  
detail was granted Apr. 26. 64 for 60 days - His  
services are still necessary in order to complete  
the transportation of cotton now loaded on his  
teams -

Respectfully  
Yours &c  
L. G. Wells  
Capt 10<sup>th</sup> Regt.

#21

Quartermasters' Office  
Houston July 2. 1864

John Holston Esq. Atty -  
Albany, Texas.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 25<sup>th</sup>  
Uto make contents. The arrival of the  
lead is opportune but I am at a loss to know  
why delivery of the cotton must be precedent to  
the receipt of the lead. Purchase at once  
the Baled Cotton required to pay for it, and  
complete the payment. If you can find  
cotton which parties decline to sell, designate  
the lot at once to Brig Gen Saugher, through  
this office & an officer will be sent to witness  
it.

Respectfully  
L. G. Wells  
Capt 10<sup>th</sup> Regt.

#22.

Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston July 2. 1864

General:

I have the honor to request that  
you will exempt, permanently, from drill  
Private W. H. Grant, Co. A City Battalion.

His employment in the Cotton Bureau requires  
his presence in the office constantly and more  
particularly so in the afternoon.

His application is made to you as Capt  
Rodgers says he has no authority in the case.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient

C. G. Wells

Capt Regt.

✓  
Pro Vice & C. S. Garrison

✓  
Capt. Geo. J. Lee

✓  
Capt. Garrison



#26.

Quartermasters' Office,

Houston, July 2. 1864.

Hugh J. Young Esq  
San Antonio, Texas

Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of 24<sup>th</sup> ult to  
Col Hatchins, and make contents.

Your understanding of Gen Smith's order is  
correct. Any party who sell to Govt for this location  
will be entitled to an exemption from the cotton tax.  
Payment for the tax sold to Govt will be made here  
in U. S. notes at the schedule price fixed for the  
County in which the location lies. You do not  
name the County or I could give you the name  
of the Agent to whom you should apply. It is  
more than probable that your Cotton will be applied  
for in a few days, at which time the terms will  
be made known to you by the Agent.

If your goods are suitable for the army they  
will be purchased by Col. Hatchins. Mr. Smicell  
at San Antonio, Mr. Thos. Perkins at Laredo  
represent Col. A. in the Purchasing Department.

Either of these gentlemen can act upon the case  
if the goods and terms of payment suit.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. W. Wells

Capt. U. S. A.

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Quartermaster's Office  
Houston July 2. 1864

Capt. E. C. Wharton, A.G.B.  
Houston.

Capt.

As I understand you are about to depart  
with the services of Mr. S. B. Russell in your  
Office. I would be glad, in that event, to have  
you transfer him to me. The position  
will be agreeable to him and he has signified  
his willingness to accept it if retained by you.

Very respectfully  
Yours etc.  
E. C. Wharton  
Capt. A.G.B.

Letter from the Quartermaster  
Houston July 2. 1864

The agreement between the Quartermaster  
and J. B. McHenry, for the purchase of  
Cotton is confirmed. by order of the  
-stomachs. of the Comd. Genl. to me. and  
to all who deliver the Comd. Genl. staff  
their Cotton. on the terms offered by Capt  
McHenry. the right to export a certain  
of such quality is hereby granted. The receipt  
of evidence that one self has been delivered  
to the Comd. Genl. shall be presented to Capt  
J. B. Mitchell for Antares. who will then  
thereon the necessary Certificate to authorize  
Major Miller. to grant a permit  
of exportation. in accordance with the  
regulations as published -

W. A. B. Adair  
S. Genl.



#25-

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 2, 1864.  
Chas. P. Callahan Esq. QM  
Conroe, Tex.

Sir.

I am glad in necessity of your favor of 30th ult. and regret to make your designation of the Agency for Houston County. If you still feel that you cannot undertake the charge I must act on your recommendation and appoint Mr. Wilson. If consistent with your views I would prefer that you retain the Agency and authorize Mr. Wilson to act for you. I enclose a letter for him which will acquaint him as Agent for Houston County, and you may either transfer the whole matter to him or connect him with yourself in the Agency. If you relinquish it altogether please transfer the papers to him by endorsement, as indicated by my letter.

I sent you the necessary forms today. Ragging & Rope will be sent you as soon as you notify me that it is needed.

Very respectfully  
Your obt. servt.  
Co. G. Wells  
Capt. R. G. H.

# 26

Quartermasters' Office

Houston July 2. 1864.

S. A. Hillen

Crockett Houston.

Sir,

You will account for to the citizens of Houston County as Agent of the Cotton Bureau. As Agent of the Bureau, to acquire cotton under the orders and instructions issued by Genl Smith Commanding Dept. & at the same time Chief of Cotton Bureau. You will act in concert with Mr. J. R. Collins under the instructions given him under dates 20<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 1864.

If Mr. Collins concludes to relinquish the appointment aforesaid, his endorsement of the papers constituting his authority will enable you with full powers to act in his stead. He promises his aid and cooperation whenever necessary, and it is by the recommendation of himself and Judge Th. H. Taylor that this appointment is conferred.

Very respectfully,

Yours at rest

C. C. Wells

Capt &amp; Agt.



Houston July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Col. J. D. McHenry

Artes, Texas.

Col. The term of your letter to Mr. B. influences me to forward you the enclosed paper which I trust will cover the points you desire. I found for my transactions, you have a very happy medium. The success of it can be very perfectly be done. requiring all the cotton now in transit to the Rio Grande. The only upon your valuable presence in the matter. I am encouraged to think that you think good results will grow out of all present measures. No change of circumstances in the future programming has been made. The agents of Col. B. have been retained other details in addition. I am appointed with his appointment. My belief is your business is well adapted to improve with others you will not need other place to him. I enclose you a rough draft of a letter which I have but but found in substance of his interview with the General at Houston. If you have the time to read it - I will thank you to do. If you think any portion of it incorrect I shall thank you to inform. Previous letter shall inform you that the prices we are now paying for cotton is the old schedule rates of the Texas office 5 to 15%. If however you have made engagements at higher rates they must be carried out in good faith. Very truly

J. D. McHenry

Weyan J. H. Miller  
 Gen. Antonio

Letter from James M. Smith  
 Houston 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1872

My dear

Yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> ulto is to hand. It would seem that some clerical mistake is probably indispensable in performing the duties of your office, as also an increase in your other duties. I have referred your communication to both the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - accordingly action is recommended with your request - I cannot encourage you to think that it will be immediately acted upon - unfortunately nearly all the officers are in the same position. I am sorry you are dissatisfied of the results of the last as shown in the Memphis instructions. I will have been less than satisfied by last month in the presence of last month. To you you all the necessary instructions in regard to the regulations. I shall not presume to do this unless you deem it necessary to have additional authority before you present such provisions provided for. I believe you will find the attention of last month easily supplemented - to cover any case that should be acted upon by you - whenever further demand the right to submit either without having shown the board an equivalent. I think they should be refused and I am glad to know that you do enforce the regulations. and will enforce them rigidly - do inform last month that the law other regulations. would make all provisions by him in violation of the rules and laws in last month 22<sup>nd</sup> 1872, and he appears to think all such things to be avoided. I presume you will find it possible for you to require in the same manner.



#29.

Quartermasters' Office.

Haverton, July 24. 1864

Capt. Jas. E. Owens, Cdt.

Richmond, Fort Bend, &amp;c.

Capt - I am just in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. and am glad to observe that your propositions are favorably received and I trust you will have no cause to deplore to the engineering officer.

The great necessity for the acquisition of Cotton speedily by the Govt. requires that we should take the shortest route where we can best get it. Your remarks and the subject are very true. But the experience of the Cotton Office has shown that the Dept system collects Cotton too slowly to make it valuable to the Govt. - Parties only, hauled Cotton to Depots in order to obtain an exemption of a small lot then necessary or desirable for them to export.

Our new plan will create the necessity of a good transportation Agents to haul the Cotton from the plantations to the Depots & other points where it will be made available. At the new points it will be landed & measured. For this reason the James' Depot at Richmond is retained. - Sugar & Rice will be sent to be used for you - to be distributed as you direct.

The Contracts are for seed Cotton to be delivered at some designated point and date. The certificates are to be used only for seed Cotton - or when the seed Cotton is ready for delivery. Seed Cotton is now particularly desirable.

Very respectfully,

G. T. Smith, Jr.

# 20 -

Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston July 4. 1864

J. I. Leake Esq. Com.  
Hempstead.

The will not allow it to be made a precedent for future cases - It is a private and not a public matter - your letter is confirmed by the same.

Sir - I am in receipt of your anonymous letter of the 4th inst. and take pleasure in commencing your acquaintance. I now enclose you an order on J. & H. Harney for 35 RPS grow. P. J. Hillis & Bro. This Cotton you will please ship by first train to Houston, as it is much needed to pay for supplies introduced through the Blockade - Hotel further orders all our saved Cotton you acquire will be sent there as rapidly as possible. Please designate each lot an owner by labeling.

The Springfield lot of our order is a transaction not exactly in order, but as it supplies the goods that are most wanted I am very glad it has been done. Good and note that your special duty is to acquire Cotton actually within your County, which you can see and determine its weight & classification. Upon your inspection you issue the Certificate upon which the statement is made here. For seed Cotton the Contracts are to be used - When the Cotton is ready for delivery you are to issue the Certificate stating classification and weight.

In the case of Springfield the Cotton must be weighed & claimed at San Antonio by Mr. Goodell. Instructions will be sent him to day to do so. I return the R/Rading - the rate of freight 2¢ is confirmed in this case, but

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Quartermasters' Office  
Houston July 24. 1864.

J. H. Strahan Esq,  
Eagle Lake, Colorado Co.

Sir - I am in receipt of your favor  
of 10th inst addressed to Carl Smith.

The law of Congress forbids the exportation  
of Cotton unless it is the exclusive property of the  
Confederate States or one of the States. The regulations  
for overland trade provide that if a party receives  
Cotton in payment of goods sold to Govt, or if  
he has delivered Cotton to Govt, by sale, he  
will be entitled to export a like amount.

In your case the only way you can take  
out Cotton will be for you to sell to the  
Agents in your County, Mr. J. Holston or Mr.  
G. C. Baldwin, one half your Cotton. You  
will be paid for it by me in U. S. notes  
and receive an exemption for the other half  
allowing its exportation.

As payment in money will procure you  
a permit. The Agents referred to will  
show you the full instructions under the plan  
adopted by Carl Smith.

Very respectfully  
C. G. Smith  
Capt. H. A. G.

#02.

Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston Aug 24. 1864.

A. P. Hoffman Esq.

Lyth. & Weston Press & Book Co.

Galveston,

Sir.

Bagging & Bales will be sent you with which  
to repair & rebale the Gun Boat Cotton - said to  
be 200 Bales - I suppose that you do  
the work at old prices as established by the Co.  
before the war. & to pay you in Cotton at the  
Schedule prices of the Texas Cotton Office.

If this proposition suits you please finish the  
job as early as possible. If not please state  
in your reply what your lowest charge will be  
and give me an estimate of the amount of labor  
to be performed.

It will be necessary to separate the merchantable  
Cotton from the seed. The latter will be baled  
for put up on the Gun Boat, when put up  
you will please mark it, or place it by itself,  
so that it may be designated. The  
merchantable Cotton should be classed & marked  
as follows -

- (Prices annexed)
- ① Ordinary or Low Middling
  - ② Good Middling
  - ③ Good Ordinary
  - ④ Middling

Very respectfully,

Comd't

C. E. Wells  
C. E. T.



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Quartermasters Office

Houston July 4. 1864

Capt. S. S. Swickel

San Antonio.

Capt.

Col. Hutchins requests me to say that  
 Mr P. H. Lemmy claims an additional  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ on the  
 Cotton delivered to you some time ago. It seems  
 that he had mule teams (on which 2¢ per lb was  
 allowed at the time) but that you paid him  
 only the ox team rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ - not having any  
 instructions to pay him the full rate. —

If it is possible for you to change the papers  
 now & pay him the full rate, or if you can  
 take a new voucher or fix the matter in  
 any way by which Mr Lemmy may receive  
 the additional  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Col Hutchins desires  
 you to do so. —

This will be handed you by Mr Lemmy,  
 who will deliver Cotton at San Antonio,  
 under a letter from Col Hutchins. His  
 letter states the rates of freight. — The  
 deliveries at Laredo may not be made, but  
 if made at San Antonio it will be considered  
 a fulfillment of the agreement. —

Very respectfully

Yours obt. serv.

G. E. Wells

Capt. S. S. Swickel

#33

Quartermasters' Office,

Houston July 24. 1864

David Roberts Esq

Cane Vauce P.O. San Antonio, Texas

Sir,

As requested by Mr Aaron Coffey I send you the exemption for 18 Bales of Cotton. It must be presented to Mr Jos Willie, who will issue the necessary permit.

Very respectfully

Your obdt servt -

Co. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.

#34

Quartermasters' Office

Houston July 24. 1864

Aaron Coffey Esq

Sandy Point,

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 18 Bales addressed to Col Hutchins - and have forwarded the exemption for 18 Bales of Cotton as you request to David Roberts at San Antonio.

Please ship the 18 Bales, sold to Govt to Houston as rapidly as possible - I will make the settlement here with you as soon as classification and weight are determined.

Very respectfully

Your obdt servt -

Co. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.



704.

Quartermaster's Office  
Havre, July 5. 1864

Messrs. Wilson &amp; Grimes.

Detroit, Detroit Co.

Gentle

I have your favor of 30<sup>th</sup> ult & make  
 contents - I enclose the detail for  
 J. W. Pope, for 60 d, from July 4<sup>th</sup> -  
 Please put your cotton through as  
 rapidly as possible -

Very respectfully

 Yours obt. serv -  
 C. G. Wells  
 Capt & Agt.

Quartermaster's Office,

Havre July 8. 1864.

(A. H. P. Chandler Esq. Capt.)

J. A. Asgood Esq  
Leona.

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 1<sup>st</sup> inst to Capt  
 Hatchins, and note contents -

I now enclose Wm. Blountfield's order on  
 J. G. Chisholm; Leona, for 30 Bales Cotton, at  
 15.002 lbs, which you will please receive and  
 forward to Capt J. C. Swickell, at San Antonio,  
 taking B/Lading in my name. Send one  
 copy of B/Lading to me, here -

Very respectfully

 Yours obt. serv  
 C. G. Wells  
 Capt & Agt.

#45-

Quartermasters' Office  
Houston July 5. 1864

John Holston Esq  
Alleyton.

Sir -

It is necessary that I should have a statement of the Bales, weight and probable classification of the Cotton delivered Kennedy Stillman & King at Alleyton last year - Also of the by Bales delivered last month. I write you as I want to get the information. You can get it from Mr. Luskback & I must have it in order to make a settlement -

Give me your idea as to classification. They say it was very low Cotton - Did they get much of the Waters Cotton - In your opinion did they get good Cotton or not? <sup>some of the good</sup> They got all poor Cotton, what became of the good Cotton which went to Alleyton?

Your knowledge of these points will assist me in making the settlement very much. Mr. Hale writes to Mr. Cunningham for his idea of the classification. Do not delay writing me -

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. servt -  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt.



#36

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 5. 1864.

Major S. Kersh G. H.  
San Antonio.

Sir -

Mr. Hale the representative of Knight & Co has proposed to make a settlement with Govt. on the certified accounts held by his firm as Govt for supplies furnished at the Rio Grande. by accepting the prices received from you, at the Schedule prices at point of delivery; and has left to me the determination of the certification.

In order to make the settlement I should have a copy of the Receipts obtained from Maj Russell showing the weight & points of delivery - These receipts I have no memorandum of as the deliveries were not made at Houston, and under the supervision of Asst. Supt. Hubbard.

Please send me copies of these by first mail after receipt of this -

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. serv  
C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.

#34-

Quartermasters Office,

Houston, July 5. 1864

James Ferguson Esq. An

Port Sullivan, Milam Co.

Sir - I am in receipt of your favor of 30th  
 ulto & regret to note you decline the agency -  
 This matter is only a reorganization of the Texas  
 Section Office, Leal Hutchins being relieved from the  
 purchase of Cotton at his own request - He still  
 continues in the Bureau to superintend the purchase  
 of Army Supplies, in the payment of which the  
 Section will be used.

I trust you will reconsider your decision -  
 In case you do not, however, I enclose to you  
 a letter to Mr. J. H. Cunningham, assigning  
 him to the duties of Agt for the Counties of  
 Milam & Robertson - Mr. Kearne is now  
 absent, & as I am informed, not desirous of retaining  
 the Agency - The Govt does not authorize  
 a large pay to Agents - Mr. C. will be allowed  
 the amount the regulations will grant, & his actual  
 expenses while traveling will be paid - He calls  
 upon his patriotism to assist in relieving the  
 Govt & the army in the present crisis, & trust he  
 will not look beyond that -

A transfer of the papers sent you, to Mr. C.  
 will constitute him an Agent - You will endorse  
 the transfer on the circular & letter - My letter  
 to him, enclosed, will accompany the papers &  
 form his authority.

Respectfully

C. G. Wells Esq. Major.



#38.

Quartermasters' Office,

Houston, July 5. 1864

J. W. Cunningham Esq -  
Port Bullinnau.

Sir,

This will accredit you to the citizens of  
Milam & Robertson Counties as an Agent of the  
Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Militia, to acquire Cotton  
for the use of the Co. & Govt. Mr Jas. ~~Kingman~~  
at whose recommendation you are appointed,  
will transfer to you his authority by endorsement,  
which together with this letter will constitute  
your full authority to act under the instructions  
issued to him.

You will be relied on to carry them out to  
the best of your ability, and it is hoped your  
entire success will obviate the necessity of  
improvements.

The forms sent Mr Kingman will show you  
the nature of your business. The certificates  
are to be used only for Baled Cotton. - When half  
the Cotton is sold to Govt, C.S. notes will be  
paid for it, & an exemption will be issued for  
the other half - When all the Cotton is sold,  
payment will be made 1/2 in C.S. notes & 1/2 in  
a specie draft - The Schedule prices are  
unexchangeable no matter what character of  
payment is made - The Contracts are  
for Seed Cotton - Report weekly for each  
County -

Very respectfully

C. G. Hester  
Capt. T. A. G. B.

#39-

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 5. 1864.

J.B. Bailey Esq. Lt.-  
Huntsville.

Sir - I am in receipt of your favor of  
29<sup>th</sup> Ult. & am glad to note the  
favor with which the plan meets from the  
Planters, and I trust your success will  
entirely obviate the necessity of impressment.

Arrangements are now being made to  
deposit specie with Mr. Dotley with which  
to pay the drafts at sight - You may assure  
senders that the payments will not be long  
delayed - The drafts on Mexico will be  
paid by Mr. Perkins when in funds - As he  
will have constant supplies of Cotton, and can  
readily sell it I think the prospect of payment  
a very good one - The drafts will be drawn  
payable in Matamoros -

Make all the purchases of Baled Cotton as  
rapidly as you can send it to Houston at  
once - It is much needed here to pay for  
supplies introduced through the Blockade.

Bagging & Rope will be sent to Mr. Vedder  
for you, for 100 to 200 Bales -

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient son  
W. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt.



#40 -

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 5. 1864

J. S. Cooke Esq. Capt -  
Hempstead.

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of  
2<sup>nd</sup> inst. and note the purchase of 4000  
pounds Mr. Harrod - I apply for his detail

but cannot say yet that there is much hope it  
will be granted, as the law placing a  
able bodied man in the field is very strictly  
enforced -

The bond taken in this case  
is a very good idea - You might use your  
discretion in taking them -

Please hereafter use all your energies towards  
the procurement of Cotton for shipment to this  
point - Our wants are more pressing here  
than on the Rio Grande at present, and it  
is essential that all the Cotton drawn from  
the Counties on & contiguous to the Railroads  
should come here -

I sent you, yesterday, an order for the  
Harney Cotton, 95 Bales, to come here.

Very respectfully  
Yours etc etc -  
L. G. Wells  
Capt & Q. M.

#41.

Quartermasters' Office,

Houston July 5. 1864

Maj S. C. Thomas

Chief Quartermaster Service, Western Dist of Texas  
Houston.

Major,

I respectfully request the renewal of the details of the following Conscripts, for service in the Cotton Bureau, Regt 2<sup>nd</sup> B.

S. H. D. Warren, Austin County, 44 yrs - 5 ft 10 in.  
Fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair - Farmer -  
heretofore detailed to Major S. Hart G. B.

Julius Holmes,

John L. Lambkin

Geo. W. Lambkin

Caldwell Co. under 45 yrs -

heretofore detailed to Maj S. Bloomfield G. B.

Hugh Houston, Caldwell Co. under 45 yrs

was born a militiaman, never enrolled as a  
Conscript - was detailed to the State to haul  
Cotton -

The men have their teams now loaded with Govt  
Cotton for delivery on the Rio Grande -

If not compatible with your orders to detail them  
for a specified time, it is desirable that they should  
be allowed to complete the trip they have been  
engaged for. I would be glad if their services  
could be retained sufficiently long to enable them  
to do so.

Very respectfully,

G. A. Wells

Capt &amp; Agt.



J. Bartlett, Esq.

Sir,

Mr John D. Goudreau at Goudreau, N.M.  
will call upon you for a Bill of Lading  
and three B.O.B. for  
for transportation to San Antonio  
consign to Capt J. C. Twichell there - same  
Bill of Lading at 1/2¢ for the first 100 miles for ox  
teams or 2¢ for the next 100 miles - and  
send one copy of Bill to this office.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.

C. C. Shelly

# 43 -

Quartermaster's Office,

San Antonio, Tex.

A. Cannon Esq. Agent  
Countryside

Sir,

This will be handed you by Mr W. J.  
Bledsoe, who has ten wagons and teams and  
proposes to haul Cotton to San Antonio -

His proposal has been accepted, and you  
will please load his train as soon as practica-  
ble, from the western part of your District -

The rate of freight is 1/2¢ for the first 100 miles  
for ox teams or 2¢ for the next 100 miles for mule teams -

Consign to Capt J. C. Twichell at San Antonio  
send one copy of Bill to this office,

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.

C. C. Shelly

Capt R. A. Galt.

#45.

Mr J. A. Rice.

Chief Labor Bureau.

Houston.

Houston, July 6. 1864

Sir -

The damaged condition of a large quantity of Government Cotton now arriving from the Sabine, renders it necessary that measures should at once be taken to save it from further injury.

The services of four negroes will enable me to handle this Cotton cheaply, and the public interest requires that I should have them to perform the labor if it is in your power to assign them to such duty.

I respectfully ask that you send me the negroes at your earliest convenience. Order them to report to Mr. J. Madeline at Holston's Cotton Pr.

As respectfully  
Yours obt. servt

C. G. Wells

Capt. A. G. B.



#46.

Quartermasters Office  
Houston Tex. C. 1864.

J. A. Robinson Esq. Mr.  
Hoscow Ark. Co.

Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 24th  
Uto, addressed to Genl Crockett.

A circular is now being prepared for the Com  
one at which will be in your hands as soon as it can be  
completed. The tariff is now - as in the past.

The schedule prices ranging from 1/2 for ordinary to  
13/4 for Good Midds are adapted for your District.  
The Gilt Cotton must be first set aside. it is already the  
property of the Govt. - If a Planter sells 1/2 his  
Cotton to you he is paid in cash money for the half  
at schedule prices, & receives an exemption for the other  
half. The Sagg & Rope furnished by Govt. to be paid for  
in Cotton at the schedule prices - Charging him 60 or 75¢  
for gird or pound. - If the Planter furnishes his  
own Sagg & Rope you will allow him double the  
schedule prices and an exemption for the other half.

If he sells you all his Cotton, you will pay him  
at schedule prices 1/2 in C.S. notes & 1/2 in a specie of  
but he will receive no exemption for any amount of  
Cotton.

Settlements on the above basis will be made by  
me on your certificate of the delivery of the Cotton.

Very respectfully  
Your obedient  
C. G. Kelly  
Capt & Agt.

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Quartermasters Office  
Houston Aug 6. 1864

Capt J. S. Wuer

Capt Gonzalez

I am in receipt of your invoice 2<sup>nd</sup> which  
addressed to Col Prosdirect. I have contents.

As you are already doubters, aware Col B.  
was written you to come here but as the  
question of Mr Matthews requires an answer  
it should properly be made through you -

Your view of the matter is correct. no change  
in the programme will be made except for more  
important measures than indicated in Mr. W's card.

It is considered that the export privilege over the  
Planter is the most valuable payment that could  
be made to the Planter. It increases the value of  
his Cotton to more than the whole is now worth without  
it.

It is as you know desirable to pay as  
we go as well as we can, and not leave outstanding  
debts for settlement by other Officers.

General Smith desires to deal liberally with the  
Planter, and it will be conceded, I think, after the  
Plan is fully tried & understood, that it is as  
liberal as the Govt can adopt under present cir-  
cumstances -

Very respectfully  
Yours etc  
C. G. Wells  
Capt R. G. B.



T 48.

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston July 6. 1864.

J. D. Cooke Esq. Of  
Wheeler.

Sir.

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I am in receipt of your favor of 4th inst  
& am glad to note your activity and consequent  
success. I trust it will continue and by the  
acquisition of the full half of the Cotton in your  
district entirely obviate the necessity for any further  
measures.

The Bagging & Rope you ask for will be sent  
on Friday's train if possible. I've receipts  
from the parties now delivered to in order that there  
may be no difficulty in accounting for it when  
the Cotton is delivered.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. serv.  
G. C. Wells  
Capt & Adj. G.

#49.

Charlemagne's Office  
Houston July 6. 1862

John Traister Esq. Genl.

Alleyton,

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 4th inst. and note contents.

If it will expedite the delivery of the land to you you are authorized to pledge any particular land of said Cotton you may designate to be delivered to the parties where said. If this is done please send me a memo. of the hypothecation.

In regard to Mr. Harrison and others who claim to have sold their Cotton to the ware. Of course I have no instructions to give in regard to impoundment, but I recommend you to keep a list of such cases, and when Major Dugan or Capt. Shakespeare call upon you refer the matter to them. They are acting directly under instructions and will know what to do.

Very respectfully,

Yours obdt. servt -

C. E. Shell

Capt &amp; A.G.H.



# 50.

Quartermasters' Office  
Houston, July 7. 1864

J. S. Vedder Esq

Navarota.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your two favors of 5<sup>th</sup> inst, addressed to Col Hutchins. & also enclosing - Mr. C. Caldwell has reported here for duty and received leave of absence for twenty days to recruit his team -

Mr H. H. White of Audrean is the Agent for Grimes County - Mr. Cannon for Washington & Austin, Mr. O. A. Norwood for Brazos & Burleson -

It was intended that you should be assigned to Brazos County, but supposing you would prefer remaining at home it was decided to leave you at Navarota in charge of the Depot, as before - Under the new arrangement the most of the Cotton will be received on Plantations, but such lots as are purchased deliverable at Depot will come under your supervision -

You will have nothing to do with the purchase - You are hereby accredited to Messrs White, Cannon & Norwood, as Depot Agt for Navarota, and by calling on either of them as they go through your place you will be made acquainted with the new arrangements - A Circular letter is being prepared, one of which will be sent you, giving concisely the plan upon which Cotton is to be purchased hereafter -

Very respectfully

Co. G. Kelly  
Capt & Agt.

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Yours truly  
Houston Aug 20th

Capt. J. C. Cunningham  
Richmond

Copy -

I am in receipt of your note regarding the Perry's engagement with the 100 men, and the Cotton to be sent out with the 100 men as the terms were. I am sure that the money for the 100 men will be paid and the 100 men will be sent out with the 100 men. I am sure that the money for the 100 men will be paid and the 100 men will be sent out with the 100 men.

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*[Faint, illegible handwritten notes]*

at the same time -

Very respectfully  
L. C. Hunt  
Care No. 16



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Quartermasters' Office,  
Boston, July 7. 1864.

Preston Perry Esq  
Richmond.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 5<sup>th</sup> Inst  
and note contents. The details for  
your wagon masters can be obtained. It will  
be necessary to send a descriptive list of the men  
and to state by whom & where they were enrolled.

Capt Owens & Mr Johns will have instructions  
to furnish you the list for your trains. Your  
early employment will of course depend upon the  
acquisition of cotton already stored. If you have  
to wait for unbled cotton to be got ready you will  
know how to regulate your movements by your  
knowledge of the Portals.

I write Capt Owens today in regard to the point  
from which cotton is to be taken, and you will  
please apply to him or Mr Johns.

Very respectfully  
Chas. G. Wells  
Capt & A. G. H.

Quartermasters' Office  
Houston, July 7. 1864.

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I hereby certify that the Steamship 'Susanna' is loaded with (260) Two hundred and sixty Bales Cotton received from the Confederate States Government in payment of Army supplies imported and sold to Lt. Col. W. J. Ketchum of the 46 for the use of the Confederate States -

C. C. Wells  
Capt & Q.M.

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 8. 1864

H. K. White Esq. of  
Anderson.

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 5th inst enclosing receipt of 7 Bales from Geo. White - I now enclose the exemption for the same as requested - You will notify him that the paper must be presented to Major Miller at San Antonio.

There will be no necessity to send your Brother an Agent paper - Whenever your absence requires that you should place some one to act for you, just give them (him) a writing from yourself authorizing him to act in your stead, and give him your appointment & instructions to guide him.

Very respectfully

Yours at -

C. C. Wells

Capt & Q.M.



Cotton Bureau, Dept Texas Hist.  
Houston, July 4. 1864

Major A.H. Willie,  
San Antonio.

Major - I am in receipt of your favor of 1st inst asking for a list of exemptions issued by Lt. Col. Hatchins -

I now send you lists of Exemptions granted upon the delivery of a like quantity of cotton to Govt - and..

Exemptions granted to private Cotton acquired by the Parties from the Govt -

Also a list from Maj J.B. Lee, the Apt at Eagle Pass, showing the balances or amount of exemptions the parties named in the same are yet entitled to -

Lt Col Hatchins does not desire your permits upon his lists alone! If the exemption is not referred to in the list from Maj Lee, or in one to be sent you from Jesse Gilmore the Agent at Laredo, you should require the surrender to you of the original exemption signed by Lt Col Hatchins.

If it is stated in the lists of Lee and Gilmore you may consider that the original has been filed and cancelled at one of the Rio Grande Offices, and that the exemption is good to the party for the number of Bales named in the list -

Very respectfully,  
Yours obt serv  
W.A. Brumfield  
Lt Col

...your action upon the permits of Lt Col Hatchins - must  
cancel the permits obligating or benefit of the parties -  
conclude the vouchers to be filed for reference  
in the permits

Quartermasters' Office  
Houston, July 4. 1864

Major A.H. Willie,

San Antonio, Texas.

Major,

I am in receipt of your favor of 4<sup>th</sup> inst addressed to Col. Broadwell.

In this enclosure you will receive the lists of Exemptions issued by Col. Hatchins, and I trust their receipt will relieve you of much of the annoyance the want of them has caused you. A list from Laredo is still required to make the papers complete. It will be sent you as soon as received.

Col. Broadwell's letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> inst to you covers the main points of yours of 4<sup>th</sup>. I think a safe mode of procedure with you would be to require the exhibition to you of Col. Hatchins' original exemption. If the parties do not hold them, require them to obtain copies from the Rio Grande Offices. These papers will speak for themselves. If they fall within the exceptions stated in your instructions, issue the permit. If not refuse to do so. Some of them have been issued upon rights acquired under orders from Dep't or Dist. Hd. Qrs. These are unquestionably, under the Regulations, not entitled to permits & should be laid on the table.

Very respectfully

Your obedient  
L. G. The L. G. B. B. B.

refer, of course to cases where the Govt. has received no equivalent -



Houston 7<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Richard Benjamin Esq  
Care of the Rev. Mr. Black  
Shreveport, La

I think the Commission is fixed at  
one hundred seventy dollars. If Perry  
arrives here tomorrow I will endeavor  
to place him on duty at San Antonio  
and have our self in pay & expenses  
paid in specie.

W. J. Russell  
Lt Col

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston July 8. 1862

J. B. Rykendaal Esq  
Oakland Colorado C.

Sir -

Mr. Samuel found he had not sent the  
application to Shreveport, as directed. I  
now send it to you to take with you.  
The reference to Carl Boggs requires that  
it should be presented to him. This you  
may do either through your Captain, or  
by enclosing in an envelope and sending  
it to Dept Hd Qrs - When you get  
the detail, notify me, and report to  
Capt J. H. Harris, Sweet Home, Kansas Co.  
for duty.

Very respectfully  
Yours etc  
Co. G. Kelly  
Capt & Adj. G.

I think  
 Yours  
 Custom Bluff  
 Anderson

Houston July 11/64

My dear Mr. Adams will  
 please to you through the office of the  
 Custom House in your name. As the  
 As the agents of the Custom House are instructed to  
 receive, & ship things as. You will instead of  
 weighing the whole & break it. Some of the late  
 weight the said will enable you to arrive at the  
 average per Cent of loss in weight. by which you will  
 regulate the weight of the remainder. Now the length  
 of time it has been in store, I imagine that it has de-  
 creased in weight to some considerable extent.

Respectfully

Your obedient servant  
 N. J. H. H. H.  
 Anderson

Col. Russell desires that the Cotton put up in  
 Square Bales is not in merchantable order. & that  
 the difficulty to put it in merchantable order will require  
 to be made, - Drying & so on. Can be furnished you on the  
 line of Railroad at such point as you may designate  
 to make the repairs - which with Cart labor &c will be  
 at expense of Mr. Adams & to be deducted from amount  
 of bill to be sent with him



Quartermasters' Office;  
 Houston July 8. 1864  
 Lt. R. J. Samuels, A. S. S. G.  
 Houston,

Sir,

I have the honor to request the renewal  
 of detail of Private J. H. Oliver, of Capt  
 Gardis' Co. Bates' Regt. for service with the  
 Cotton Bureau D. S. H. as wagon master -  
 I enclose copy of original detail, granted  
 May 5 '64.

Very respectfully  
 Charles A. T.  
 Co. G. 11th

Capt. R. J. Samuels,  
 Quartermasters' Office,  
 Houston July 8. 1864

A. P. Luffkin Esq  
 Galveston,

I am in receipt of your favor of 7th  
 inst & am contented.  
 Your proposal to do the work and  
 the You Dock Cotton is accepted -  
 provided you will mark & label the  
 Merchantable Cotton and turn it over  
 to the assignee of the Govt under  
 directions from this Office -  
 It is more than probable that such  
 of the Cotton as will pass will be  
 given to the Government -

Very respectfully  
 Charles A. T.  
 Co. G. 11th  
 Capt. R. J. Samuels.

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 8. 1864

Major J. C. Thomas,  
Adjutant General Service, West Dist. Texas  
Houston,

Major. I have the honor to request the detail  
of the following conscripts, for duty as wagon  
masters, in transporting Government  
stores to San Antonio.

✓ Frank C. Kelly - Residence, Belltownville, Louisiana  
Age 29 years. Height 5 ft 11 in. Complexion, fair,  
eyes, hazel, hair, dark - occupation, Farmer &  
Stock raiser - Native of Mississippi.

✓ E. Nicholls - Residence La Grange, Rayotte Co.  
Age 34 yrs. Height 5 ft 10 in. Complexion, fair,  
eyes blue, hair dark, occupation Merchant.

✓ Jas. Sherrill - Residence Columbus, Colorado Co.  
no description furnished - Age 30 yrs.  
now at Camp Green -

If the above details are granted please order  
the men to report to me for duty.

Very respectfully,

Yours obt. servt.

F. C. Kelly

Capt & A. G. B.



✓

Chartermaster's Office,  
Houston, July 8. 1864.

J. B. Bailey Esq. Aft.  
Knoxville. ✓

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 6th inst. & note contents.

Bagging & Rape for about 200 Rye has been sent you - care J. S. Vedder Aft at Havana - In your shipments of Cotton you should consign to Mr Vedder who is agent there - not to Thomas & Co.

I send you an order for 14 Rye, in your Bank, at Patrick's Ferry. Mr. G. P. Patterson has had the Cotton in charge. It was purchased of Mr. J. H. Martin by Mr. Van Buren in April & sent to the River to await a rice & a Boat - which seems not to have occurred since. Please do what is necessary with it & forward it to Mr. Vedder at Havana, stating that it belongs to this lot - so that it may be designated there.

In order that we may keep our French Cotton straight it is necessary that you should send me one copy of your Bills of Lading.

Very respectfully,  
Wm. A. D. D.  
J. C. G. Phelps  
Capt & A.D.D.

Quartermasters' Office,

Houston July 8. 1864

J. C. Baker Esq

Chapell Hill.

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 6th inst addressed to Genl. Kettlin in regard to sale of 12 R/C at C. Hill. 16 Bales at San Antonio.

Mr. H. Coan is the Agent for Washington County. He will be in your neighborhood & give you full information as to prices & terms. Capt J. C. Swickell at San Antonio will buy the R/C time. Write to him -

If the above 12 R/C is all your friend has, he will be entitled to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the value in a specie draft &  $\frac{1}{2}$  in Confed. money - & no exception for a like quantity - If he chooses to sell all for Confed money at  $12\frac{1}{2}\%$  (the price for your County), he will be entitled to a permit to export a like amount -

Very respectfully  
 G. G. Wells  
 Capt & Agt.



Quartermasters Office,  
Haskell July 8. 1864.  
J. S. Cooke Esq. At -  
Hempstead.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. - also of \$ 25 from L. H. Grace -

The samples sent me are Ordinary. Good Ordinary & scant Low Middling - making the whole lot barely Good Ordinary. Consequently 12 1/2¢ would be too high. Adhere to the Schedule prices -

The Bagging & Rope is to be paid for out of the Cooped money part of the payment -

It is not intended by Genl Broadwell that the County Agents shall exercise any discretion as to prices & terms - Under the instructions if the holders of Cotton will not accept the terms the case becomes one for the impressing Officer & you can so report it to Genl Slaughter - or to the Officer himself where he calls on you. I do not expect you to call on one party twice - If your visit has produced no results set down the name on your list for action by the impressing officer.

I have applied for the details referred to but as yet have not received them - Some special arrangement will be made soon by which we shall control all the transportation we want - If Henson is detailed I will advise you to let him to hauling the Harvey Lake. Until then do not have the Cotton hauled, unless it can be done for less than \$15 - per Bale -

Very respectfully,

C. G. Hill Capt 10th Regt

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 9. 1864  
Messrs A. B. C. Mills.

Will deliver to Mex. Govt 'Coca'  
for account of U. S. Government (40) Forty  
Bales Cotton - for shipment to Vera Cruz,  
or Tampico, Mexico -

Co. G. Mills  
Capt R. A. G. B.

Quartermasters' Office  
Houston July 9. 1864  
John H. Crane Esq.  
care Capt J. B. Lynch Gonzales.

Sir,

Upon the recommendation of Major Baughin &  
Capt Lynch, you are appointed Agent for District  
No. 3. comprised of De Witt, Elbert, Kansas & Victoria  
Counties.

The papers transferred to you  
by Maj Baughin will constitute your authority  
for acting under the instructions, by which you  
will be guided at all times. No discretion  
has been confided to the County Agents, solely  
for the purpose of securing uniformity of action  
and thus give the people no cause to complain  
that all are not dealt with alike.

The instructions are thought to cover all necessary  
points. If not clearly understood, your inquiries  
are invited and will receive due attention from  
this Office

Respectfully  
Your obt. servt  
Co. G. Mills  
Capt R. A. G. B.



Houston July 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Wm. A. B. Lewis.

President of Military Board,

My dear Sir,

I have reviewed the account against the Board presented by you for \$21,264. 00. and perceive that it is a perfectly just claim for that amount in specie. I have no knowledge whatever of the circumstances under which the debt was created, but infer that it stands among those claims due in Cotton or Gold, which will be liquidated pro rata as in the order in which they appear, as soon as means can be procured for that purpose. At present... one only means of procuring cotton is a virtual imprisonment, which under the orders of the Comd'g Genl. must be applied to meeting the immediate military necessities of the army in the field.

Very Respy

at. Lth  
J. W. Brundage  
Lt Col

Cotton Bureau J. M. D. 44  
 Hamilton July. 9th. 1864

W. J. M. D. 44  
 Sir

Should you effect an arrangement, which would  
 whereby you may be enabled to place one or more Steamers  
 in the trade to import food supplies through the blockade  
 this Bureau would undertake to purchase such Ordnance  
 & Quartersmaster Stores as you may be able to introduce, and  
 should furnish the return Cargo of Cotton for your Steamers  
 which may be forwarded to Havana. Consigned to the agent  
 of the Govt at that point, & Drafts made upon him in your  
 favor for the Amt of Supplies purchased for you.

Or should you prefer. Such supplies as you might furnish to  
 the Govt. would be paid for here in Cotton. The prices to be  
 fixed upon an equitable basis, & at prices which would re-  
 -munerate you fully for all the risk you are subject to in  
 taking it from the Country through the blockade

Very Respy  
 W. J. M. D. 44  
 W. A. Brandwell  
 Secy



Quartermasters Office,  
Houston, July 9. 1864.

✓  
Co. Sulcher Reg.  
Richmond, Texas.

Sir.

As requested I enclose you the detail for  
your son Sam Sulcher, with orders to report to  
John Dickinson for duty -

Very respectfully,  
Your obt. servt  
J. C. G. Wells  
Capt R.A. 4th

Quartermasters Office,  
Houston July 9. 1864.

J. S. League Reg.  
Galveston, Texas.

Sir.

You will report for duty in this Office  
on or before Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> inst.

Very respectfully,  
Your obt. servt  
J. C. G. Wells  
Capt R.A. 4th

on duty in Cotton Bureau.

Cotton Bureau Trans Miss Dept.  
Houston Texas July 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

Wm M Perkins  
Genl Commercial Agent  
Matamoras Mexico

Sir

Enclosed please find B/Lading of 145 Bales cotton  
shipped by J. F. McKinney General Agent Austin, this is a part  
of a purchase of 500 Bls. from D. S. White

You will please observe that the weights are not given in B/L  
of 44 Bls. (444 Pounds) The reason of this is that the cotton  
was purchased upon Wagons and there was no convenience  
for weighing - As soon as it arrives at Laredo have it weighed  
and forward same to this Office

Please keep an accurate record of all cotton shipped by  
J. F. McKinney as you will probably have to receipt for me  
for same, if I have to take this cotton up on my  
papers.

Very respectfully Yours at &c

H. G. Wells  
Captain T A D M



Quartermasters' Office  
Houston, July 9, 1864.

Major W. P. Barrow  
Gonzales Texas.

Major - I am in receipt of your favor of  
yesterday's date, to Capt. Broadwell & Hutchins - &  
note contents.

Your action in the case of Mr. Snyders Cotton  
is satisfactory.

Capt. Lynch is changed on the Office record to Det.  
No. 4. and Mr. H. C. Lewis assigned to Det. No. 3.

Your action is fully approved and I write Mr. C.  
to day ratifying his appointment.

Trusting rumor is wrong that you will not  
have to resort to the disagreeable alternative, in-  
firmament I remain

Respectfully

Your obt. servt

J. C. G. Wells

Capt. 10th.

Quartermasters Office,  
Houston July 9. 1864

Capt J. S. Lynch

Gonzales

Capt

I am in receipt of your favor of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst  
to Col Watkins & 3<sup>rd</sup> to myself & have contented.

I think the old transaction with Mr Matthews  
should stand as accomplished - The exemption  
is assignable & is valuable to anyone to whom he  
sells it.

For the 9 Bales represented by him & the  
remainder of his Cotton he can arrange with you  
to accept either of the proposals made in the Circular.

For the sake of uniformity it is desirable that the  
instructions be adhered to in all cases - Almost every  
Planter you deal with will otherwise have a plan of his  
own, very good as itself, but bad because it will place  
him on a different footing than his neighbors.

Your change to Rich & Co is approved - as  
also Mr Coxs assignment to your old District -  
You will please instruct him at the outset &  
render him such assistance as will enable him  
to proceed to work in accordance with the  
spirit of the instructions -

Very respectfully,  
J. C. G. Wells

Capt & Co.



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 9. 1864

J. A. McHatton Esq.,  
San Antonio.

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Such & the contents - Upon enquiry  
I cannot find that the paper referred to  
has ever been received at the Cotton Office -  
i.e. for 30 R/C of C. C. McHatton.

I do not think the signature of your 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
by Col. Benavides comes properly before the  
Cotton Office - It does not, certainly, in its  
present shape - If put into good shape  
and properly authenticated it may constitute  
a claim vs Govt & payment be made at some  
time, but I cannot give you much encourage-  
ment to hope that the statement will be  
speedy - The poverty of the Govt just now  
is so extremely apparent, and the necessity  
for the immediate supply of the army so  
pressing that every claim, however meritorious,  
must yield precedence.

Very respectfully,

J. Cournot Esq.

C. G. Kelly

Capt. F. A. H.

Letter from J. M. Smith Aug. 2nd 1868  
Houston July 9th 1868

Ed. Woodward  
To the Agent of Bevilacqua County -  
This will be handed you  
by Mr E. B. Edwards. Most valuable an important  
engagement has been made for the supply  
of our army & for which our self the  
Cotton of your County is pledged.  
You will know it as rapidly as possible  
afforded in reply to the order of Mr  
Edwards. All that you can purchase  
on the terms of the above report so  
that it can be improved. afford  
Mr Edwards every facility you can -  
allow no portion of the our self day-  
notes for much use transferred after  
this date -

Very Respec

Houston. 10th July 1868

May this Agent.

Very -

You have herewith a package  
containing history of E. B. Edwards upon service  
of a person. I have coming from and will  
of the date at which I will be in the service of  
the date for \$100.000 the which I will  
thank you to the service. to 100.000. I will  
but I cannot do it in service. in some  
safe & reliable manner

Very Respec

J. M. Smith  
J. M. Smith



Cotton Bazaar in London  
London 1st July 1861

Mayor Thomas Russell.  
Mayor

You will forward to the mess  
I purchase for use of the Council all  
the Cotton you may be able to procure  
on the terms of this Bazaar. I wish  
it may be delayed at present in consequence  
to the Rio Grande. by the regulations  
on overland Commerce.

Ship the Cotton there according to  
the London Bazaar on the  
best terms obtainable.

If you cannot purchase the Cotton  
impress it in accordance with Law.  
or get May Babbell to do so under  
his authority from Sept 1st & no.

May Babbell is authorized to proceed to  
any port you designate. If in his  
discharge of the duties of his office  
with the temporary authorities with  
freedom. You are released upon  
the completion of important results -  
and authorized to exercise such discretion  
as will further the Bazaar.

Very Respectfully

W. A. Broadwell

Secretary for the Bazaar

to send the Cotton & to arrange  
the Bazaar and the Bazaar  
to send the Cotton

Houston 11<sup>th</sup> July 1864

Major A. H. Muller -

San Antonio,

Major. You have enclosed an order from  
Genl Smith, permitting the State Plant Cotton  
of Gov. McMahan now on the Rio Grande,  
exported. It does not apply to cotton  
in transit between the Mexican border and  
San Antonio, and to my view it is  
exceedingly important that you should  
send a competent man to Eagle Pass, Santa  
Fe Springs, to take an accurate account  
of the State Plant Cotton on the Rio Grande  
& see that the quantity is limited to the  
exact quantity which may have already  
arrived. And is detained. I regret ex-  
ceedingly that this order has been issued  
and I trust you will see that it is most  
needed. It will require the utmost diligence  
on your part to protect the Cornish.  
I fear it will upset my plans for  
the supply of an army.

The Genl doubtless thinks that it is a proper  
concession to his Excellency, and is the best arrange-  
ment that can be made. I think you would  
do well to publish immediately an order  
prohibiting Cotton from moving west of San  
Antonio unless covered by your permit. I  
enclose telegram indicating that Mr Perry Bryant  
is on his way to this place. If you wish it  
I will order him to report to you he is a  
accomplished business man & perfectly honest.  
Yours truly W. A. Hammond



Cotton Bureau June 25th 1864  
Houston 11th July 1864

Capt J. C. Twitchell. will receive all cotton arriving at San Antonio for the month on the former terms of the Texas office - He is authorized to pay freight in specie on the one half delivered the month & to give certificates or pay in Confederate money - 25¢ per lb for the Cotton. The party who sells on these terms shall acquire the right to repurchase a like quantity.

Capt Twitchell is authorized on the office at Houston for one million of bolls in Confederate money - or he will be furnished a portion of Major Shantz funds -

Capt Twitchell is authorized to raise money by drafting upon Wm M Perkins receiver at 30 or 60 days sight to pay freight on Cotton or wool, against the shipments of Levitt to receiver. If necessary he may raise funds for this purpose by selling Cotton -

The existing contracts of the Texas office which he carried out in good faith by Capt J. C. Twitchell. on the spot as the true representation of the Bureau - he shall exercise his discretion in clearing up all engagements made by Confederate authority, which have been complied with in good faith -

Parties who suffer their Cotton is impounded receive nothing except the price tendered by Major Shantz, who will inspect in accordance with the further orders all Cotton which Capt Twitchell notifies Texas cannot be freighted. W. A. B. G. & Co.

Cotton Bureau June 25th 1864  
 My dear Russell . Houston . 1st July 1864  
 My dear,

you have herewith a memorandum  
 containing my own views in regard to the various  
 suggestions of Mayor Miller.

Sept. Iustitute letter to you is also returned  
 with an endorsement. I see no objection for Peter  
 difficulties mentioned by him. except decided  
 action on the part of Mayor &c. in refusing  
 to grant permits, whenever he thinks there  
 is any attempt at fraud. either through  
 false affidavits. or to obtain permits to  
 export Cotton through Rogers machinery  
 concerns - It will afford me pleasure

to sustain him for any responsibility thereby  
 assumed to the extent of my humble ability.  
 The \$100 by Cotton on the Celis. should  
 be regarded in my opinion as trust property  
 & treated as such, at all events I wish  
 it secured if it can be done in any manner  
 consistent with the interests of the Court

I recommend Capt Iustitute to forward  
 his bond at Dept. 1st, 1864, & receive the  
 appointment tendered by him further in some  
 distinct official capacity - he can better  
 constitute the best representation of the Bureau  
 affairs & carry out in good faith, by a  
 proper exercise of discretion - all the engagements  
 of this Bureau which can be complied with  
 in good faith - He must raise money if possible  
 by drafts upon W. M. Perkins or if necessary  
 by the sale of Cotton to pay freight on Cotton  
 to the Bureau - very truly  
 your friend  
 W. M. Perkins



Exhibition of the Cotton and Sugar  
Houston July 19th 1863

James Ferguson

Agent for Milan  
Port Sullivan Texas

Sir

This will be  
handed you by Mr E. D. Edwards with whom an  
important engagement has been made for the supply  
of our Army for which one half the Cotton  
of Milan County is pledged.

You will secure it as  
rapidly as possible subject to the order of  
Mr Edwards,

All that you cannot purchase  
on the terms of the office, report, so that it can be  
improved — Afford Mr Edwards every facility  
you can — Allow reputation of the one half  
designated for Govt use, transferred after this date

Very Respectfully

James Ferguson

Houston July 9th 1863

O. A. Howard

Agent for County of Austin

Washington

Dear

Sir

This will be handed  
you by Mr E. D. Edwards with whom an important  
engagement has been made for the supply of our Army  
for which one half the Cotton of Austin County is  
pledged.

You will secure it as rapidly as possible of  
held at subject to the order of Mr Edwards,  
All that you cannot purchase on the terms of the office  
report, so that it can be improved, Afford  
Mr Edwards every facility you can. — Allow  
reputation of the one half

Scotton Bureau. I am very glad  
 Wm. M. Perkins. by Houston 11<sup>th</sup> July 1864  
 General Commercial Agent  
 Dear Sir -

There shall introduce to  
 you favorably say that Russell  
 Perkins goes to the Rio Grande on temporary  
 duty to close his business - & return  
 to the interior & take general charge  
 of the transportation of Cotton Scotton  
 all over the State. I desire to establish  
 for him with you a cordial understanding  
 & have instructed him to purchase if possible  
 all the Cotton now detained at points con-  
 tinuous to the Rio Grande to be forwarded  
 to you... drafting for as much of the  
 Specie value against the shipments as  
 may be a liability requiring to effect the  
 negotiations. You shall receive such  
~~Cyphers~~ for safe of the Cotton, & send  
 enough drafts to back an interest as may be desired, say  
 value against it. Payable out of the Specie funds  
 which it is presumed will not exceed one third  
 or one half the value. He will receipt to  
 you for the funds, and you will receipt to  
 him for the Cotton.

Very truly  
 Yours  
 Wm. M. Perkins  
 General



Houston 11 July 1864  
 Received, The following telegram has  
 just reached me.

The General commanding  
 directs that you report with as little delay  
 as possible, to my first cousin at  
 Alexandria Louisiana as directed before and  
 mentioned in the case of Mr. McKim  
 Signed

R. L. Houston,  
 1st Adj. Genl.

Should I obey the order? My testimony  
 is not material. My impressions are all  
 formed in this case from what others say,  
 and general observations. I could add very little  
 to the evidence in court,

I will very cheerfully go if you deem it  
 your order to let Major McKim to let the  
 State Police catch out. has destroyed the office in  
 a great measure of the law & regulations, and  
 will prevent the supply of your sick,

To  
 Give E. H. Smith -  
 When directed -

Very Respectfully  
 J. W. Brown  
 1st Adj.

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Aug 11. 1864

A. H. Taisan Esq. At.

Galveston.

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 7<sup>th</sup> inst and note contents. The price of Baggs & Rope will be 10¢ per yard or pound - Payment to be deducted from the C. & S. notes paid by Govt. Please urge the planters to a prompt decision - Time is valuable now and a speedy acquiescent of Cotton very desirable, as giving the Govt early knowledge of what it has to depend upon -

It is preferred that no Cotton shall be shipped beyond San Antonio. Capt Finckell there may conclude to employ the same teams to convey the Cotton to the Rio Grande, but he is to be the judge of the propriety of doing so.

I note the names of J. Schwartz & Cooper Jink. I make the application for detail of J. B. Powell, which if obtained I will send you this week -

Very respectfully  
Your obt. servt  
C. B. Wells  
Capt & Agt.

I send the Stationery this time, care, to Mr. Holston.



Quartermasters' Office,

Houston July 11. 1864

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John H. Arnold Esq

Apt 22 in Kind. Columbus

Sir -

I am in receipt of your card of the 10th inst. & note contents, addressed to Columbus; Mr. Arnold's statement of his receipt of the 10th of Cotton, and as no arrangement has yet been made by which the title Cotton can be transferred to the Q.M. Dept. I suggest that you retain Col. H. receipt until such an arrangement is made. The Receipt can be substituted by another whenever a definite plan of transfer is decided upon.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedt. servt.  
C. E. Wells

Quartermasters' Office.

Houston July 11. 1864

J. B. Ridley Esq

Huntsville

Sir -

I have your favor of the 10th inst. note contents - Application is made today for the detail of J. B. Reid - send me Mr. Baithams descriptive list, when he joins a Company, as nothing can be done without it.

Very respectfully,  
Yours obedt  
C. E. Wells

Quartermaster's Office  
 Houston July 11. 1864  
 W. R. S. Samuels A. A. S. G.  
 Houston.

Sir,  
 I have the honor to request the detail of  
 the following men for service with the Cotton  
 Bureau.

James R. Cox, Capt Harris Co (A) 20<sup>th</sup> Tex Cavalry -  
 aged 29 yrs. 5 ft 10 in high, eyes dark, hair black,  
 complexion dark - enlisted July 9. 64

J. S. Powell, Capt W. E. Webb, unattached Co. at  
 Anderson, aged 37 yrs. 5 ft 10 in high, eyes dark  
 hair dark, complexion fair - term of service  
 expires 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 1864 -

If granted please order them to report to me  
 for duty -

Very respectfully  
 Your obt. servt -  
 C. G. Webb  
 Capt & A. G. M.



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Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 10. 1864.

Col S. H. Speight,  
Haco.

Dear Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 1st  
inst. & acknowledge.

A circular has been sent you which explains  
the paragraph referred to. Bagging & Rope  
will be sent to any point you indicate or more  
convenient for distribution in your country.

The contracts sent you refer particularly to cases  
when you buy Cotton in the seed. If the parties furnish  
their own Bagging & Rope, the Govt will pay them double  
the schedule prices for their Cotton - If the Govt  
furnishes Bagging & Rope they will receive only the  
schedule prices, & will be required to pay for the  
Bagging & Rope used, in Confederate money, at 10¢ per lb  
or pound - An exemption for a like quantity  
of Cotton will be given when payment is made in  
U. S. notes - If the Specie payment is made no  
exemption will be given -

It is not considered essential that contracts should  
now be made for the growing crop, but it is desirable  
that you keep a memo. of the probable crop of  
each Planter in order that we may know the  
resources of the Govt for another year -

Very respectfully

C. B. Wells  
Capt & Surg. M.

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Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 22. 1864.

Capt S. E. Owens,  
Richmond.

Capt.

I am in receipt of your favor of 18th inst and  
note contents. Mr. Freeman did sell his  
Crop to Col Hutchins but not on book acct. He lets  
he controls as agent he must take the responsibility  
to act upon or they will be subject to Col Smith's orders  
7 34. Whenever you make any abstracts or  
statements place the names of the parties involved  
and forward it, on a separate paper to Col Stanton  
through this Office, as cases for imprisonment.

I am informed that the Birmingham have 1500  
Bales on hand. also that Mr. Dunbar has Cotton  
which will probably have to be impounded.

Very respectfully

Yours obt servt

L. G. Wells

Capt & Regt.



Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston July 11. 1864.

S. D. Locke Esq. Lt.-  
Hartou.

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 5th  
of inst and note contents. I sent you a  
package of goods last week and will send you  
a small lot of Stationery by Wednesday's train  
to care of Mrs. Holison, Lt., attached.  
The class marks are ☒ ordinary ☒ Good ☒ Good  
Hiddz, ☒ Hiddz, ☒ Good Hiddz. If you can furnish  
with branches, do so the cost will be refunded by me  
here.

In respect to your own B. D. C. sign the  
enclosed receipt & return it. This is the form  
you will always use when receiving for cash.  
I enclose the exemption. It must be presented  
to Major Willie who will issue the permit - at  
San Antonio.

Very respectfully  
Your obt. servt  
C. C. Wells  
Capt. & Adj. G.

Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston July 8. 1864.

John Hobbs Esq. Jr.  
Albany.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 1<sup>st</sup> inst & am  
satisfied - Your agreement with Oswald & Co is  
approved. It is probable that a detailed statement  
can be sent you who will haul this Cotton at Govt.  
rates when ready for delivery - You must rely  
upon your own purchase to complete the payment.

It is not likely that the Quartermaster's Office will trouble  
you - If so, you need not feel disturbed, as your services  
are absolutely necessary, & your detail can be obtained.

I will forward you more forms as soon as they  
can be got ready - All our best wishes supply hand  
yourself.

Respectfully  
Yours obt. servt -  
L. G. Wells  
Capt. R. G. A.

If Mr. Lubbock will send me his official receipt  
for \$4000. I can turn over the funds to him.



Quartermaster's Office  
 Newbern N.C. July 11. 1864  
 George Bankhart Esq  
 Matagorda

Sir:

Circumstances make it desirable to  
 the parties interested that the Cotton delivered  
 to Stephen Kennedy being at Matagorda  
 should be entered for by weight and  
 description there. I have never  
 been informed by Mr See the portmaster  
 of the deliveries made by him. So in Mr  
 Stiles case - the Receipts having been sent  
 direct to San Antonio -

If in your power to give me the information  
 please send me the weight of the 100 Bales  
 delivered to them. Also any information  
 tending to a knowledge of the quality of the  
 Cotton - If any considerable portion  
 was of the 50th lot please state the number  
 of Bales - Give me as good an idea  
 as you can of the description (average)  
 of the whole -

Very respectfully  
 Yours obt. servt  
 C. G. Wells  
 Capt. F. J. B.

Quartermasters' Office  
Houston, July 21. 1864

J. C. Barber Esq  
Fairfield.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 6<sup>th</sup> inst and regret exceedingly your determination to decline the position which has been urged upon you. - I trust you will reconsider it. One principal reason why you should do so is that there seems to be no other person in your County so acceptable to the people as yourself, and it will perhaps be impossible to find anyone to fill your place. It will not be necessary to canvass your District twice - If a Cotton holder will not call on your first call place his name on your list to be reported for imprisonment. When the Cotton is ready for delivery, only one more call will be necessary. You give the certificate of weight & quality of the Cotton and your mission is accomplished. I think you could attach to this without very great inconvenience to yourself, or injury to your other business -

Capt Wilson can recommend no one at present. If you still decline the Agency I must ask you to suggest some name to me - a man who will prove acceptable to the people - and hold the papers such you need I write you to transfer them to the new appointee.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Serv.

C. G. Wells

Capt Regt.





Custom Bureau, Texas Alms Department.  
Houston July 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

Mr. J. M. Perkins  
Commercial Agent  
Laredo.

Sir. Please send your B/Lading of the following shipments of  
Custom to your address. by Mr. J. S. McKinney my Agt at Austin

Whitcomb } s.w. 16 Bales weighing 7001 pounds.

B. J. Ackman  
J. H. McLean Jr. } 20 Bales. To be weighed on arrival  
E. W. Martin

Please furnish me with the Marks and Weights at your earliest  
convenience

Yours Very respectfully,  
Yours at or.

C. G. Wells  
Austin & A. L. M.



Quartermasters' Office,  
Harcourt July 11. 1864

Alexander Cameron Esq  
Courtney.

Sir.

I am just in receipt of your favor of July 9th regret to note that there should be even one case for the engineering Officers to work on. However, Capt Shropshire will do his duty. I trust you will not fail to point out the men upon whom he should operate. Gael Smith is in earnest, and the Court holdens, it seems, must be forced to believe it. It would seem that enough has been said on the subject to convince them, and they deserve whatever may befall them if they do not accept the propositions.

In reference to the specie payment. In the present no drafts can be given on Mr Dorley unless the parties are willing to wait until he is in funds. Drafts on Mr Perkins are payable in Harcourt, and he will always be in possession of funds or of the Cotton to make it out of. In my opinion Mr Norton makes the best trade for himself by taking an exemption of 1/2, but as the Court want Cotton, of course there is no objection to getting all on the terms.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt servt  
W. C. Wells  
Capt Regt.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss,  
Houston, July 11. 1864  
Jesse Gilmore Esq, Of  
Laredo.

Sir,

You will receive all of Major S.  
Hart's Cotton arriving at Laredo, pay the  
freights, and hold the Cotton subject to  
further orders from this Office.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt  
W. H. Broadwell  
Asst. Secy

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss,  
Houston July 11. 1864.  
Gen. D. Lee Esq, Of.  
Boyle Pass,

Sir,

You will receive all of Major S. Hart's  
Cotton arriving at Boyle Pass, pay the freight,  
and hold subject to further orders from  
this Office.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt  
W. H. Broadwell  
Asst. Secy



Cotton Bureau, Dept Land Miss,  
Houston July 11. 1864.

General.

In view of the fact that a large portion of the Cotton west of the Brazos River will be covered by the papers, already issued, exempting it from impressment it becomes important to adopt strong measures in order to transport the Cotton now lying east of that line to points where it may be made available to the Government.

I propose to put a competent Quartermaster in charge of this as a specialty, instructed to form a Transportation Corps, governed by rules that will give system and efficiency. The wagon trains to be divided into sections of ten to twenty wagons, with a good officer to every 100 wagons. Teams to be subjected to military discipline, but <sup>guaranteed</sup> <sup>against</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>to</sup> be subjected to entering the Army proper. There may, being directly connected with the supply of the army, could, I suppose, be regarded as wagon masters in the field.

I beg to recommend that passports be issued to all Mexicans entering our lines with transportation, furnishing them immunity from military duty, and protection to their teams, upon an agreement on their part to transport Governmental freight at the uniform established rates.

I will thank you to consider also the propriety of  
 apportioning, for the use of the Government, one half  
 of all the transportation engaged in overland  
 Commerce, at a fair and remunerative price.  
 in analogy to the requirement by the President  
 of one half the freightage in vessels going to  
 sea.

With your approval I think of asking Major  
 Charles Russell to take charge of the whole  
 transportation question, to organize, systematize  
 and direct it judiciously. - But, whether this is  
 done or not, we need now authority from you  
 to get wagon masters detailed, and I will thank  
 you to direct that the applications be granted.

If considered proper, an order directing that  
 all applications for details of enlisted men or animals  
 signed by ~~any~~ Capt Wells, or the Chief of the  
 Transportation Corps, when appointed, be granted  
 at once without further reference, seems to be  
 necessary. - Such an order would of course  
 imply that the Officers designated are the  
 judges of the absolute necessity for the details,  
 and might be construed as giving them too  
 much power in the matter. - But you may  
 guard the public's interests and prevent any  
 abuse of the power in any manner you see  
 proper, and make them directly responsible  
 for the proper use of the detailed men.

Yours &c. kindly  
 J. B. Keely

Very respectfully  
 Your obedient servant  
 W. B. Brown



Quartermasters' Office.  
Houston July 22. 1864

Capt B. H. Perry,  
Beaumont.

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 8th inst  
to Col. Broadwell, make contents. ~~That~~  
Cotton is arriving here now in very bad order, as  
you state. If it is possible to put it in order  
at Orange, with dispatch, please do so. as the  
waste and loss in transporting loose cotton is  
immense.

I send you today, care Capt H. B. Lee. Post Office.  
Beaumont -

2 Bbls Lard - 20 pounds

12 Baling needles -

Please acknowledge receipt

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

C. C. Kelly

Capt & A. G. B.

Quartermasters Office,  
 Houston, July 12. 1864  
 John Holston Esq.  
 Sir, Capt. Alleyton.

Deliver to order of H. Richmond  
 (125) One hundred and twenty five Bales  
 Cotton, as early as possible after the head  
 payment is made -

Take duplicate receipts from the party  
 receiving the Cotton and transmit them  
 to this Office.

Yours respectfully  
 Geo. C. Kelly  
 Capt & Agt.

Received Houston July 20. 1864 of Capt G. C. Kelly Agt.  
 an order on John Holston, Agt at Alleyton for (125)  
 one hundred and twenty five Bales Cotton - the  
 same, when received, to be accounted for by me with  
 H. Richmond, in settlement of his stated account -

125 B. Cotton -

H. Richmond & Co.



Quartermaster's Office  
Hankow, July 12. 1864

J. Bancroft Esq.

Marine, S. A. C.

Sir. I am in receipt of your favor of 5th inst. make contents. I return you the Circular letter as questions may be asked you about the new plan & you should be able to answer them - I send a new letter to Capt. Lang. If agreeable to you I would like to retain your services as Dep. Q. M. to take charge of any cottons coming into Marine.

The settlement for Bagging Rope is very simple. Capt. Lang buys 50 R/C from Mr. Smith and supplies him with 50 gds Bagging & 10 lbs Rope taking his receipt for it. When the Cotton is to be delivered Capt. Lang gives his receipt to the vendor for 5 Bales Cotton (if only 50 has been purchased). The vendor sends the receipt here for settlement.

I make up a voucher thus:

5 R/C. 2000 lbs @ 11¢	220.00	250.00 -
less 50 gds Bagging @ 6¢	30.00	
to the Rope @ 6¢	36.00	69.00
		\$180.00

an average price of 11¢. He thus gets his Bagging & Rope for his whole crop at specie prices but it costs him only Coined money. If the whole of the Cotton is bought the R/C is paid for out of the Coined money & he gets his whole Specie portion without any deduction whatever.

Very respectfully,  
J. Bancroft Esq.  
C. G. Phelps  
Capt. Q. M.

The paper enclosed in my first letter please never use it again.

Quartermasters' Office  
Harrison July 22, 1864

Capt H. Y. Lang

Barlow, Tallahassee

Capt.

I am in receipt of your favor of 6th & 7th inst. and carefully note contents. I send you enclosed the circular of June 26th addressed to yourself. The printed orders and accompanying instructions of June 20th will (if not already done, be transferred to you by Mr. Bartlett. I take pleasure in observing that you understand now that the omission of your name in the organization was not in consequence of any want of confidence in you.

Your suggestions are admirable if they could be carried out as you suggest. But the fact that only a bonded and commissioned Officer can conduct the business so that it will be recognized at Richmond, prevents the Agents being clothed with the power by any authority short of the President. I would prefer to have the Agents make all the necessary papers, as it would relieve me of considerable office work, but I am told that all documents must be made up in my office. I will send you some Blank Receipts for Bagging & Rope, which you will get the Parties to sign when you deliver the material to them. Instructions will accompany the papers.

The Bagging & Rope is furnished to the Parties at very reasonable rates, and the settlement is very



please - In instance - Under the 1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph of printed circular, 20<sup>th</sup> June, Mr. Smith, who owns 100 B/C sells you 5 Bales, but wants B & Rope for the whole 100 Bales. You deliver him the quantity, when the Cotton is ready for delivery you receipt to him for it - This Receipt is sent here to me for settlement - I make an account thus -

C. & State to Mr. Smith -

5 B/C - 1000 lbs @ 10<sup>9</sup> - \$200.00

less 50 qrs Bagging @ 10<sup>9</sup> 50.00

to the Rope @ 10<sup>9</sup> 36.00 69.00

and pay him the Balance - \$180.00

If the purchase is under 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph the settlement is as follows -

100 B/C - 1000 lbs @ 10<sup>9</sup> - 500.00

less 50 qrs Bagging @ 10<sup>9</sup> 50.00

and C. & State 69.00

and C. & State 150.00

• Specie draft 250.00

Certainly no one can object to this - He gets his Bagging & Rope at Specie prices & pays for it with C. & State notes -

In regard to the expense of coming for the C. & State money - I think this objection may be explained away - Let one neighbor make the settlement here for a whole neighborhood - or let each man send his certificates here & I will have the papers made up and send them to you for completion, and the money to pay them with,

Very respectfully

Your obedient son

C. G. Wells

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1841.

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 12. 1864.

Capt J. S. Lynch,  
Gonzales,

Capt - I am in receipt of your favor of 5th inst. -  
reporting receipt of  
1000 lbs Rope - 1000 yds Sacking -  
from W. H. Perkins. and asking for  
from Capt Hatchins -

I will receipt to Col. H. Fortis property and take  
it as my papers. You will please distribute it  
as required and take memo. receipts upon which  
voucher for its expenditure may be taken on  
blanks which I will send you.

In the sake of uniformity you will charge  
to 1/2 of yard or pounds. Explain to them that  
this cost is deducted from the Confed. money  
payments.

I trust you will find some Cotton left in  
your District for use of Govt. - Capt Smith  
at San Antonio, or W. H. Perkins at Laredo  
will receipt to me for the Cotton you ship  
there. Please ~~always~~ send me a copy of  
the Rptading, as I am anxious to keep the record  
of the Cotton better than I have been able to do  
heretofore. I have never yet received a  
statement from the Rio Grande of the Cotton  
received there. Hereafter I intend to forward

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Head Quarters Regt. Texas Militia.  
Houston July 12. 1874

Major,

The Commanding General directs you to furnish Brig. Gen. J. C. Slaughter at the Hd Qrs of the District Commanders, an abstract of all the permits issued by you up to this time, and hereafter at the end of each week, in order that the same can be promptly forwarded to Commanding Officers on the Mexican frontier, and the sentinels properly instructed to pass only the persons actually permitted by you also at the same time send a duplicate to the Office on the Rio Grande.

Very respectfully  
Your obedient servant

To Major T. H. Willie  
San Antonio  
Texas

Head Quarters Dept Texas Terr.  
Houston, July 12. 1864.

Major.

By direction of the Commanding General you have enclosed the evidence that Pauline, Riggs & Halton are selling permits to cover Cotton west of this and at points contiguous to the Rio Grande, instead of using them to cover Cotton in the interior, as was contemplated when these permits were granted them.

You will bear in mind that your permit covers only the identical property described in the certificate taken up by you. Investigate this matter and if it be found that they have thus abused their privilege, report the fact to Dept. Hd. Qrs. without delay and their permits will be revoked.

The order of the Commanding General, of 9th inst. to allow State plan Cotton exported applies only to the Cotton actually on the Rio Grande at that period.

Very respectfully,  
Genl. A. S. Johnston

To Major A. A. Hallie,  
San Antonio,  
Texas.



Cotton, Bureau.

Trans miss etc

Houston. 12<sup>th</sup> July 1862

D. W. Rowland Esq  
San Antonio,  
Tex.

Your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> June. by  
Evel Smith. I find lying on my table this  
morning. It bears the endorsement and no  
appointment. was offered me to describe  
with the list its contents.

I am confident however that it is the wish  
of Evel Smith to receive the goods. in accordance  
with the agreement entered into by my committee.  
and that the quantity of cotton required for  
these payments shall be promptly furnished at  
the points designated. by direction of the  
list. arrangements were perfected in March.  
to deliver 2500 Bales. for the redemption  
of the certificates of my committee.

In consequence, I learn a portion of this cotton  
was devoted by Gen. Hutchinson under my in  
fession. that the cotton would not be called  
for - but the cotton provided at Springfield  
& transported to <sup>Wagon</sup> Wagon & Pontine Bluffs in  
the aggregate about 1500 bales remains intact.  
I am prepared to order the application of this cotton  
at once, as also that the remainder required to be  
for such stores as are inspected & received by my Gen  
Russell. of the elections by my committee. shall be  
delivered as rapidly as possible in the Counties  
of Robertson & Brown.

Very respectfully  
J. W. Rowland  
Esq

15 There are some allusions in your letter which I do not fully understand.

In relation to the Contract of Rouse & Son  
my understanding was that the deal cancelled it  
by an order from S. H. H. & Co. at the  
... If in advance of its revocation goods have  
been purchased based upon it, of such kind  
it will afford me pleasure to order them  
decreased for use of the Com. provided  
I can make any arrangements of a satisfactory  
character for the payment... If the goods reach  
this point through the blockade, they will be  
taken at fair & reasonable prices - payment  
to be made in cotton or sterling drafts against  
the cargo of cotton with which the receipts  
are loaded. It strikes me that some arrange-  
ment of this kind will be the best method  
for Judge Small to dispose of my stones  
now under his control. Whilst you are  
friendly informed that our resources in cotton  
are exceedingly limited at present. Great efforts  
are now being made to infuse energy into  
the negotiation of new half the cotton of  
each county in the State - events are not  
sufficiently developed to indicate final result.  
but the utmost exertions shall be made  
to supply cotton for the payment of military  
stones. delivered the Com. on an equitable basis  
arranged by the Cotton Bureau. If cotton  
is not furnished immediately upon the delivery of  
the stones - I will let apart one half the cotton  
of one or more entire counties & order the party  
entitled to it, placed in possession by purchase  
immediately as soon as it can be done.  
W. B. Brown.



Cotton, Runway down with  
Houston. 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Major Thomas Russell will receive back  
proceeds of the stores: engaged by Major  
D. B. Munter in Mexico. as may be  
attested by Messrs. Baudin & Russell in  
accordance with the contract or agree-  
ment of Major Munter. provided said  
stores after inspection are found suitable  
to army purposes. The invoices  
are believed to embrace 50 or 60  
bag block, 10 000 lbs. shoes & 5000  
lbs. blankets. I have no copy  
of the agreement, but presume it  
can be furnished by Messrs. B. & R.  
It is understood to require the  
payment of 25-50 Bales Cotton  
at designated points in Texas.  
of this 14 Bales is now ready  
for delivery, & the remainder was  
at one time provided by Col. Hutton.  
Major Russell will forward the  
stores to Liverpool, and upon  
the presentation of his evidence here  
the quantity of Cotton Messrs.  
Baudin & Russell are to be paid.  
It will be turned over promptly  
by Capt. C. H. Mills.

M. T. Broadwell  
at Col.

Houston. 12<sup>th</sup> July 1862 162

Major.

I have the honor to acknowledge  
yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> & to return its contents  
for the interest. The Enclosure to which  
you refer was not enclosed -  
I rely upon large results from  
your energy & discretion. It is of the  
utmost vital importance that the  
Cotton in transit should be secured  
for the South. With as little delay  
as possible - and I trust no action  
will be taken by you in which  
it will not appear me pleasure to  
sustain you fully. At all events  
I will bear in mind that there are two  
sides to every question.

The order  
from Richmond returns. As soon as I  
am authorized, I presume I will  
release you of the Wool business.  
at least to the extent. Not now  
in action. I hope you will take  
such steps as will best protect the  
South, sending to the north only such  
portion of the Wool as can be properly  
transferred to. The office enquires to receive  
it.

Very truly  
Yr. at serv

Wm. A. Culwell }  
for the South }

W. T. Brownwell  
at serv





Quartermaster's Office,  
Havana July 22. 1864

J. J. Walker Esq  
Wexley.

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favour of a check addressed to Col. Hatching, asking for detail of Shaw, Manning, Simmons & Edmunds Regt. - Upon enquiring I find that Mr. Manning does not propose to furnish more than two wagons, and as the orders stand at present, or are now intended to be issued, no man can be detailed unless he will furnish transportation for feet to Sales Cotton.

As soon as Mr. Manning can furnish four wagons - or if they will carry 20 Sales each, under your application and there will be no difficulty in getting the detail.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt -

C. C. Kelly  
Capt & Agt.

Capt - I send you above a copy of a letter going to Mr. Doublett - The 40 Sales is State Plan Cotton & I have only interfered in your district for the purpose of securing the Cotton for Govt. - It is a free side sale, and you will please see that no other disposition is made of it than as indicated above.

C. C. Kelly  
Capt & Agt.



Quartermaster's Office

Houston July 12. 1864

H. H. White Esq (for White)

Anderson,

Sir -

Mr. Van Alstyne has spoken to me in reference to the impression probably existing in the minds of the people that the Agents are not acting under the same instructions. The difficulty seems to be in regard to the prices offered by yourself & Mr. Cannon. This is easily explained. Mr. Cannon's prices are for Washington & Austin Counties. Yours for Grimes. Mr. Cannon has authority to act on the line of the R.R. The several Depots on the R.R. have a schedule of prices affixed to each, and parties making deliveries at the Depots can receive the price for the point of delivery. You are authorized to offer the Depot prices if the parties you buy from will deliver at our Depots. If they prefer to deliver on Plantation, the Schedule prices for your County are unchangeable. I annex a list of prices for the localities in your own & Mr. Cannon's District.

Washington & Austin Counties

0. 00. 25. 50. 75. 1.00

Grimes County.

25. 50. 75. 1.00. 1.25

San Antonio Depots

5. 10. 15. 20. 25

Brenham Depots

10. 15. 20. 25. 30.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. serv.

C. G. Wells

Capt. R. G. B.

Capt. R. G. B.

Quartermaster's Office,

Houston July 12. 1864

W. A. Manning Esq. of  
Prairie Plains,

Sir,

I am in receipt of your two former letters  
last week contents - I have received two  
of bales - one one at Texas at 10 bales - being  
27 bales still to come out of the lot of 100 - 2 bales  
you report as not in condition to transport. Do  
I understand that the other 27 bales are en route  
to San Antonio? If so please send me a copy of the  
Bill Lading -

It gives me pleasure to commend your energy  
in forwarding this Cotton - In consequence of  
your remark that there were scarce in your country  
I employed Mr. Randolph in order to keep along  
the Cotton, it being required here to pay for Rifle  
& Powder brought in by the Steamer "Alice". Hereafter  
please forward to me all the Baled Cotton you buy  
as rapidly as you can obtain transportation - I  
send you an order on Mr. Bailey, who has Cotton,  
and will load your trains - No Cotton east of  
the Central R.R. will be sent to San Antonio until  
further orders - Please always furnish me with  
a copy of the Bill Lading - Ship to J. S. Vedder  
Agt at Texas -

You are to furnish Baggage & Rapd for all the



Compensate money portion of the cotton payments.  
Price to 9 for good or pound.

I hardly can enthrone you to say that parties holding the three three pounds will not be called on to divide. Try to make the purchase & if not successful place the matter in the hands of the impressing Officer where he calls on you. It is no doubt a hardship in the cases named, but such a provision as you suggest would create all kinds of managing by which the Cotton generally would be as well administered that the Govt would get but little anywhere.

Whenever you cannot buy the Cotton, place the owners name on your list for the impressing Officer and submit the case to his management. Sequestered Cotton should be summarily dealt with.

So also in the cases named where the parties have delayed and after asking you to delay action. They should, if they could be reached, be made to compensate the Govt themselves. As it stands the Officer will be obliged to take the half of the identical Cotton no matter whose hands it is in. It is more than probable that all the State Plant Cotton will revert to the original owners & so fall within the scope of your authority.

Very respectfully  
Yours obd servt  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Adj.

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston July 12. 1864  
J. B. Bailey Esq. Lt.  
Huntsville

Sir,

The L. S. Hooring, Lt at Prairie  
Plains, will send teams to you for the  
Cotton in your charge. You will  
please let him know, consigning the  
Cotton to L. S. Hooring Lt. at Prairie -  
Please send no Receiving in each  
case.

This offer of the Hooring's may aid  
you in removing the Cotton from the  
Old Spring neighborhood. But if you  
can you'll apply it to nearer purchase  
places do so, as the necessity for Cotton  
at Houston is urgent and it is essential  
that we receive all we have at an  
early day.

Do not ship any Cotton to San Antonio  
until further orders - Send all to  
Houston -

Very respectfully,  
Your obt. servt  
J. B. Kelly  
Capt & Agt.



San Antonio July 12 1874

Major J. B. Thomas,  
 San Antonio.  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the enlistment of James Pugh in the 1st Texas Cavalry. I have conferred with the Adjutant General and find that the enlistment of Pugh is not in accordance with the regulations of the War Department. I have therefore directed the Adjutant General to inform you of this fact. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours,  
 C. C. Wells,  
 Capt. & Surg.

Quartermaster's Office,  
 San Antonio July 16. 1874

Major J. B. Thomas,

Chf. Commissary Service, Fort. Dick. Texas

Major,

I have the honor to request the detail of James Pugh to an unassigned Commissary, and, I understand, not yet enrolled - He will present your this when enrolled.

Please order him to report to me for instructions.

Very respectfully  
 Your obedient  
 C. C. Wells  
 Capt. & Surg.

List of Officers and detailed men on duty July 11<sup>th</sup> 1864. in <sup>Texas Cotton Office</sup> Sequestration Office. Houston - 110 ✓

Capt. T. A. Walker  
Capt. E. E. Stearns,  
H. R. Percy,  
Water Millers  
A. Bonenville  
H. R. Evans -  
C. H. Lee and  
S. B. Russell -

In Supply Department  
" Cotton "  
Cotton Clerk - Office,  
Clerk in Supply Department  
Out door Clerk & Property Clerk  
Clerk in Cotton Department  
" " Supply "  
" " Cotton "

I certify that the above named persons are actually employed as stated, and that they do not draw or purchase rations at any other Post -

H. R. Macatee  
J. C. Cooper  
R. H. Morgan  
J. H. Lawrence  
R. H. Sabanier

Wm. H. G. H.

Sequestration Office  
Houston July 13, 1864

Capt.

I have the honor to enclose a certified list of the Officers and detailed men on duty in the Supply & Cotton departments of this Office, in obedience to Special Orders No. 11, General District No. 11.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

Wm. H. G. H.



Major J. C. Thomas,

Chf. Clerk of Service, Forta Dist. Texas,  
Houston.

Major,

I have the honor to state that during last week I applied for details for four men named below, and I learn that the applications were forwarded to Genl. Green, in due course. Since then, owing to the necessity for the use of the men, and to obviate the delay caused by the small number of such applications to Hd Qrs at Marshall, Genl. Smith has issued an order dated July 11:64, of which you have been furnished a copy, directing the details made upon application.

Trusting it may be convenient to grant the details to-day to enable me to put the men at work at once I remain

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. servt  
C. C. Kelly

Capt & Agt.

Name	Residence	Age	Height	Complexion	Eyes	Hair	Occupation
A. H. D. Warren	Austin Co.	41	5 ft 10 in.	fair	blue	light	farmer
Frank C. Kelly	Lancaster	29	5 ft 11 in.	"	high	dark	do
Jas. Sherrill	Colorado	30	-	now at Camp Green	-	-	-
E. Nichols	Dayton	34	5 ft 10 in.	fair	blue	dark	merchant

If another place order them to report to me for orders.  
C. C. Kelly  
Capt & Agt.

Quartermasters' Office  
 Houston July 13. 1854  
 Jesse Gilmore Esq. of  
 Laredo.

Sir,

Col. Broadwell directs me to write you that immediately upon the arrival of Govt. Cotton at Laredo, you will send it forward to H. H. Perkins Matamoros. Mr. P. will make arrangements for its receipt there.

Very respectfully  
 Yours obt. servt.  
 C. G. Wells  
 Capt. & Agt.

Quartermasters' Office  
 Houston July 13. 1854  
 Thos. B. Lee Esq. of  
 Eagle Pass.

Sir,

Col. Broadwell directs me to write you that immediately upon the arrival of Govt. Cotton at Eagle Pass, you will send it forward to H. H. Perkins, Matamoros. Mr. P. will make arrangements for its receipt there.

Very respectfully  
 Yours obt. servt.  
 C. G. Wells  
 Capt. & Agt.



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 13. 1864

W. H. Perkins Esq.

Council Apt. C. S. Texas.

Sir. I am in receipt of your several favors of 22<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> June addressed to Col Hutchins.

A late order of Genl. Smith's to Major Hillier allows the exportation of the State Plant Cotton actually on the Rio Grande. As Maj Hillier's special duty refers to Cotton permits no Cotton can be exported without his Permit, you will not be further annoyed by the State Cotton.

A letter will be written him to cover the case stated in yours of 29<sup>th</sup> Inst. Your suggestion will most probably be carried into operation and prevent the delay consequent upon the present conduct of the system.

I note your remarks concerning the market at Eagle Pass Texas. While your authority to sell Cotton in sufficient amount to pay freight & other necessary expenses, is confirmed by Genl Broadwell, he nevertheless insists upon the necessity or importance of forwarding the Govt Cotton to a better market, where the increased proceeds of the Cotton will give you & the Govt the means of increasing the supplies to be introduced.

I have directed Messrs <sup>Engle & Sons</sup> Lee & Gilman <sup>London & Co</sup> to ship to you at Galveston, immediately, all G. & C. Cotton arriving at their points. The immediate removal of it will prevent its application to any other purposes under orders from any source.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

C. G. Hillier

Capt & Adj.

Quartermasters' Office

Houston July 13. 1864

Dr. J. A. Rice,

Capt. Labor Bureau  
Houston,

Sir -

Mr. Joseph Paton of Robertson County, has in the employ of the Cotton Bureau six (6) negroes, engaged in driving wagons hauling Government Cotton to San Antonio.

He represents that you have two negroes of his at Beaumont, and thinks they should be discharged as he has only nine negroes in all, six of whom are regularly engaged as Govt Teamsters -

If greater to exact is required, you have no other recourse as to the fact.

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Smith

J. C. G. Kelly

Capt. H. A. St.

Wm. A. Smith  
J. C. G. Kelly  
Capt. H. A. St.



Guaranties Office.

Houston June 13 1864

Capt. J. E. Owens

Richmond.

Capt.

I am in receipt of your favor of 9<sup>th</sup> inst with Report.

Mr. Sims arrived here yesterday but as we could not pay him the Specie down he concluded to go back and sell only half his Cotton.

I regret the effect his visit may produce upon the operations, but I am hopeful that the arrangement to have Specie funds here will be completed this week, so that I may be able to write you an assurance that the money will be paid here on demand. I offered him the draft on Mexico, but he declined it.

The Mexican Bagging if too wide to be used in the usual manner, might be saved in width and used crosswise by cutting it the proper length. I am afraid the Planter's objection to the cost is only another evidence of his unwillingness to accede to the propositions.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt

Co. E. Kelly

Capt. R. A. G. B.

Quartermasters' Office,  
Hampden, July 22 1864

A. W. Garrison Esq, Apt,  
La Grange.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favour of 9<sup>th</sup> Inst.  
and note contents. Your report did not  
accompany the other papers -

Shall I retain the Stone & La Belle vouchers here  
for settlement with the parties, or shall I send them  
to you? as I have no way of sending the money  
the parties would have to take your draft for the  
amount, upon me. It is necessary to have the  
papers made up in this Office to ensure their correctness,  
but I have no serious objection to furnishing you the  
funds to make the payments. I will enquire if I  
can do so will let you know.

I send you Stationery to Mr. Watson, Allegheny,  
who will deliver it upon your application. I  
am having more blank contracts printed & will  
send them when ready.

I have no Bagging on hand just now - have  
plenty of Rope - will supply you with both  
in a few days -

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. servt  
C. C. Wells  
Capt & Agt.



Quartermasters' Office

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Houston July 13. 1864

J. S. Vedder Esq. Gt.  
Kansas.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 11<sup>th</sup> inst.  
Inake contents - Mr. Somerville will  
send for the unsound Rope and replace it  
with better.

Only 19 Bales of the 50 Bale lot have come  
to hand - Please urge the R.R. to expedite  
Cans for the remainder at once -

Very respectfully

Counsellor

C. G. Wells

Capt. R. G. B.

Quartermasters' Office

Houston July 13. 1864

J. B. Bailey Esq. Gt.  
Austinville

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 11<sup>th</sup> inst. & Telegram  
of 12<sup>th</sup> inst. - I have no Bagging on hand,  
but will supply you - The Rope will go to Mr. Vedder  
by next train.

Very respectfully

Counsellor

C. G. Wells

Capt. R. G. B.

Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston, July 23, 1864  
Alexander Cannon Esq Col  
Courtney

Sir, I have your two favours of 10th inst & make  
comments - I return Mr. Mainwaring's  
detail as it cannot be granted unless the  
whole 40 Bales is hauled for you - -  
No more of the out account arrangements  
can be made, but any party who wants to  
haul his own Cotton can do so if he will  
sell to fact -

I am very anxious to get Cotton to  
Houston in sufficient amounts to load  
the Steamers running the Blockade - Hence  
you will please send all the Cotton you  
purchase in the Eastern part of your  
District direct to Houston - Any Signments  
you make from the Western portion to San  
Antonio you will please send me one copy  
of the B/Lading -

I trust Capt Sampson will make the  
expenses you deem necessary

Very respectfully  
Your obt servt  
A. G. Wells  
Capt A.G.W.



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 24. 1864.

General.

Mr. H. O'Connell, the bearer of this, has been engaged in searching out the Govt. Cotton diverted from its destination by the fall of Brownsville. He has collected and forwarded a considerable amount, which without his agency would have been probably lost to Govt. He finds some Cotton in the possession of the original transporters, who being now in the army or having lost their teams, are not able to carry the Cotton to the Rio Grande - and having hauled the Cotton some distance have a claim for freight which they want settled before they will deliver the Cotton to him for forwarding. It is not in my power to make the freight settlements as they desire, as there may be reclamations and then for loss or damage to the Cotton, caused by their own neglect.

I would respectfully suggest that you give Mr. O'Connell authority to call upon the nearest Military Commanders for a force to enable him to take the Cotton and send it forward to the Rio Grande -

Mr. O'Connell will be instructed to give receipts to the parties, certifying to them their claim for freight, which receipts can be

to be ascertained in the Rio Grande, as the  
 parties may prefer to present true, and a  
 proper adjustment of the claims for freight  
 be made upon a full knowledge of the facts.  
 I think this arrangement will justify  
 the Government, at the same time do full  
 justice to the claimant who is certainly  
 entitled to a pro rata freight for the distance  
 traveled.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt

C. G. Mills

Capt & Co.

Major Genl S. C. Hunter

City of Wash.

4th Dist Dept

June 2nd

Quartermasters' Office,

Houston July 14 1864.

I certify that evidence has been filed in this  
 Office that Mr. Cassimer Villeneuve of Indiana  
 has furnished to the Confederate States Government  
 (23) Twenty three Bales Cotton. and that the same  
 has been used for its sole benefit. Under the  
 Regulations for Overland Commerce, he is entitled  
 to export a like quantity, and Major Hill is  
 requested to issue the necessary permit.

C. G. Mills

Capt & Co.



Quartermasters' Office.

Hanover July 24. 1864

Thos. G. Harrison Esq. Of

Drayton

Sir.

The Dealer Mr. H. O'Connell, has agreed to sell to Govt. 1/2 of his Seed Cotton, supposed to be 30 Bales. Please make a contract with him for its delivery, and send me your certificate that he has sold & agreed to deliver. This is an exceptional case & you will not use the printed receipt until the Cotton is actually ready for delivery.

He has 20 Bales Cotton Baled, which he wants to take out. My proposition to him is to add this to his seed cotton, call the whole amount 30 Bales, sell 1/2 to you. the 15 Bales to be delivered out of the seed Cotton. Upon your certificate that the Cotton is there sold to you, I am to give him an exemption for his 20 Bales as seed. When you receive the 15 Bales, I am then to give him another exemption for 20 Bales.

This arrangement is made on account of Mr. O'Connell's personal services in collecting the scattered Govt. Cotton in the field. He furnishes his own means to travel and I do this to enable him to raise the money. The actual delivery of the Cotton hereafter, should be secured.

Very respectfully,

J. G. Wells

Quartermaster's Office,

Houston July 24. 1864

J. B. Bailey Esq Esr  
Huntsville

Sir,

Your favor of 11<sup>th</sup> inst is at hand. Col Broadwell desires me to say that the change was made in the circular at the request of a committee of Planters who called on me for the purpose of improving the original plan to make it acceptable to the Planters generally. It is questionable whether the change is an improvement, but it has been promulgated and the Col is averse to another change. If the Planters are not satisfied with the double C.B. money payments & furnish their own Bag & Rope, we can accommodate them by delivering them an equal quantity of B & R. & pay them single rates - they paying for the quantity delivered them as usual.

Bagging & Rope of course means the actual material - Cotton baled in Lynx Barks or boards and hoops will be considered as un-baled Cotton. No Bagging & Rope need be furnished in such cases if the Cotton is in good order & can be transported.

Very respectfully  
your obt servt  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt.



✓ Quartermaster's Office.

✓ Houston, July 24. 1864

J. A. McHattow Esq.

San Antonio.

Sir,

✓ Your favor of 24<sup>th</sup> inst is at hand. Col.

Broadstreet desires me to return you the paper  
exempting J. B. Dodds & Co. with the remark that  
papers of this character are rendered void by the  
later law and Regulations governing overland  
Trade.

The Regulations, which you have  
recently published, state the cases in which only  
Cotton will be allowed exit from the Country.  
No endorsement or approval from this Office  
could authorize Maj Hillier to depart from his  
instructions.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. servt  
J. C. Wells  
Capt & Agt.

Walter Buman, Asst. Treas. U.S.  
Houston Aug 24, 1864.

James S. Soley Esq.  
Huntsville

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 10th inst. and note your objection to the new circular. Your calculation showing the inequality in the terms is correct and if I felt that it is possible to adopt a plan unobjectionable to all I would gladly make the change. As it is I am averse to changing, and am willing to try the effect of the proposition.

I considered the first circular as embodying the best plan we could think of, and I only agreed to a change of terms after consultation with a Committee of Planters who called on me for the purpose - at the instance of Genl. Natchez -

If a Planter is not satisfied to furnish his own Baggy Rope & receive double pay in C.S. notes, we can deliver him an equal amount of Baggy Rope, charge him for it, & pay him single notes for his Cotton. He may have the option to accept either plan -

You will understand that I do not adopt your suggestion, merely for the reason that changes have a bad effect. I concede your position is right - but hope to work along under present plan.

Very respectfully,  
Wm. A. B. B. B. B.



Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss. Y  
 Havana July 1st. 1864

Major A. H. Hillie,  
 San Antonio.

Major -

Mr. W. H. Perkins, the Genl. Commercial Agent on the Rio Grande is instructed to forward the Good Cotton to Matamoros in order to obtain the full value of a foreign market. Under the Regulations he must make oath to you of the property, with a description accompanying his affidavit. He does not know the marks or quantity of Cotton in advance of its receipt by him on the Rio Grande, and, in due course, as prescribed by the Regulations & your instructions, he must delay the exportation of the Cotton, probably two weeks until he can go to San Antonio or send there for your permit. To prevent this delay I suggest that you instruct the Collector on the Rio Grande to allow the export of all Good Cotton when the proper affidavit is filed at the Custom House by Mr. Perkins, or some party having his written authority to act in his stead. This affidavit to be transmitted to you by the Collector. you to take it up, issue your permit upon it, and transmit it to the Collector. Thus the whole routine would be accomplished, except that the procedure is reversed -

Mr. Perkins must have authority to forward Cotton as rapidly as it arrives, or the introduction of supplies for the use of the army will be impeded to a very considerable extent. He may be relied upon, implicitly, and he will be careful not to grant the authority to act for him, to an improper person -

Very respectfully  
 Yours obdly  
 W. H. Perkins

Quartermaster's Office,

Houston Tex July 14 1864

H. O'Connell Esq  
Houston,

Sir,

You will proceed to Western Texas, with as little delay as possible, in search of the Government Cotton abandoned on the road about the time of the fall of Brownsville - also of the bales secreted at any point between the Colorado & the Rio Grande - Your knowledge of the localities and of the circumstances under which the Cotton was shipped, and of the teamsters and their residences will aid you very materially in the performance of this duty.

All Cotton found by you, whether abandoned, or in charge of a teamster who is not actually engaged in hauling the Cotton to its destination, you will forward at once to W. H. Perkins, Deal. Agent of Cotton Bureau, Rept. from this, on the Rio Grande, Cotton so directed will be received either at Laredo or Eagle Pass, and payment of freight made by the local agents at those points.

If a teamster is unable to transport the Cotton for any reason, obtain other transportation without delay - Give the original teamster a certificate entitling him to the freight for the distance hauled - Your certificate will be taken up at one of the agencies on the Rio Grande.

If you meet with any opposition in the performance of these orders you may call upon the nearest military

For assistance as for authority contact be S. E. 196 in order to  
Original deposited in the office of the Quartermaster  
H. O. O'Connell Esq



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 14. 1864.

S. S. Miller Esq. Capt.  
Crockett

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 12<sup>th</sup> inst and note contents.

The reason for double payment in C.S. notes for Baled Cotton is to compensate the parties for the large outlay they have made in supplying themselves with Bagging & Rope - If Parties object to it they may place themselves upon the same footing as the foreign plan - that is you may give them Bagging & Rope equal to the amount on their Cotton, charge them for it, and pay them only single rates for the Cotton. The new circular

avenue to changing again -  
 Receive the Cotton and Plantations. The Schedule prices and  
 for Plantations deliveries - As the Cotton in your Counties will  
 be required for use in Houston, it may as well all be landed  
 direct from the line at Texas - Do not ship any to San  
 Antonio until further orders - Ship all to J. S. Vedder, Depot Agt  
 at Texas, send me Advises of every shipment -  
 The Govt will

\$9. per yd. or lts. is the price for Buagge Rope - The cost will be deducted from the Confed. money payment -

Major L. C. Rountree is the impressing Officer for the Country east of the Trinity - Make a list of all who refuse to sell to you & refer the case to him when he calls on you, which will be in a few days -

Very respectfully  
V. W. Abbott

Very respectfully

Vorname etc

1 C. G. Wells  
Cough & A. G. B.

Houston, July 14. 1864.  
Hon. Pendleton Murrah,  
Governor of Texas.

Sir,

I acknowledge with the most sincere gratification the receipt of your letter of this date, making known your course with respect to State Cotton, your co-operation with the acquisition of Cotton for the supply of the army, and your suggestions as to the plan to be pursued for that object in future by the Confederate authorities.

I tender you my warmest acknowledgments for your liberal and patriotic action towards the army, in this important matter at this trying period.

I shall return to Louisiana with the assurance that the people of this Empire Southern State will not be behind their Executive in their determination to provide for the necessities of the army for their defence.

I shall promise them the comforts they require for inclement seasons, and for further campaigns, and I feel secure in all that will be requisite to make these campaigns more effective for your defence than any they have known.

The Texas Soldiers will understand the active sympathy for them by the Governor of their State, who, watched by other authorities, is yet ready to yield all that can be rightly yielded, and do all that can be rightly done for their



welfare whilst battling in this sacred cause.

Your suggestions in the main meet my  
concurrence. I will give all for  
Cotton that the means under my control  
and the Law will enable me to pay - The  
policy shall be the most liberal I can  
adopt.

I will do all within my  
power to secure to the people of this State  
the most certain and safe ex'portation for  
their own benefit as well as their Country.

Yours respectfully

Wm. L. G. Smith

Headquarters of the  
San Antonio 15 July 1862

Maj. A. H. Willis  
San Antonio  
Major

You are directed to suspend action  
for the space of six months on all permits authorizing  
the exportation of Cotton. Which may have been issued  
prior to the publication of the regulation for Overland  
Commerce. Provided said permits have been trans-  
ferred

Very Truly  
Yours Wm. L. G. Smith  
Wm. L. G. Smith  
Gen. Comdr

... Houston 15<sup>th</sup> July 1864

My dear Mr. Butler  
for Antonio  
Dear Sir -

My dear Mr. Butler I have been  
in for days - in such for for for.  
I have been I understand has  
agreed with but for to give a  
proclamation recommending the people to  
to buy our own self state cotton to  
the south. I am sure & very thing  
else - in consideration of which. The  
house I believe agrees to allow the state  
cotton now at the Antonio & much  
of other places to go out. The house  
further agreeing that he will loan  
to the south the state self of said  
cotton - I fear all of our plans  
to supply the army will be upsh.  
but it may be that I am wrong.  
The same that all the cotton is  
likely to be covered by private. When  
the house ought to get.

For several recommended have  
decided to suspend all private. of  
governmental character - on that has things  
plans, for the issue of his money  
and he has done it, as you see  
by the enclosed notes. I hope you will see  
all presented to that. If things go on  
to the very end. I believe it will not  
more than any other. Consider  
it would not be a great loss.



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 24. 1864.

Gen. G. H. Harrison, Esq. Cpt  
Brazoria.

Sir,

An arrangement has been entered into with Messrs King & Co. for the introduction of Army Supplies - to secure the payment for which Gen. P. B. S. has pledged one half of the Cotton in Matagorda County.

You will therefore set apart all the Cotton you purchase for Govt. holding it until applied for by an authorized agent of King & Co. and delivering to them or their agents upon their applications, taking their receipts in duplicate for the Bales & forwarding them over to them, and transmitting the same to me.

As one half the Cotton in the County is pledged, it will be necessary to impress all Cotton you cannot purchase under the instructions and orders - Your report to Genl. Slaughter of all persons who will not sell will bring the case to a speedy issue. As little delay as possible in the acquisition of this Cotton is desired, as Messrs King & Co. will take prompt measures to remove the Cotton -

Ship all the Brazoria Cotton convenient to R.R. to this point as early as possible -

Very respectfully, Yours truly,  
J. G. Phelps  
Capt & Adj. Genl.

Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston, July 15. 1864

General.

I have the honor to enclose letter from Agent  
Hooning, Grimes County, giving name & residence of  
a Cotton holder who refuses to sell to the Govt under  
Genl Orders Sept 11d Ors # 34. & instructions from  
the Cotton Bureau Sept 2d Ors. Under these  
orders & the Agents are directed to report to you  
all cases for improvement.

The Agents for Fort Bend County reports Mr.  
Brimley as refusing to sell his Cotton - and asks  
that Lt. R. B. John, Simmons Regt. be sent to that  
County with orders to improve Cotton - Fort  
Bureau has assigned six Officers to this service,  
and they are now on duty in that several Districts.  
I do not know whether the order contemplated  
the assignment of additional Officers to this duty,  
but if in your opinion it is proper to do so, I  
would respectfully suggest that the improvement  
of one or two lots of Cotton in St Bend Co. would  
materially assist the operations of this Bureau,  
and that Lt. John could act with effect until  
the District improving Officer, Capt Sinopelino,  
arrives there.

Respectfully,  
S. E. Simpson  
Capt. & Co.  
Dist. Officer  
Houston

Respectfully,  
Chas. G. Wells  
Capt. & Co.  
on duty in Cotton Bureau



Quartermasters' Office,  
London, July 15. 1864.

W. H. Jones Esq. Esq.  
Richmond

Sir, I am in receipt of your favour of 10th inst. & note contents. Mr. Sonerville wishes you as enclosed, that the Rope was probably changed on the train. He wishes Mr. Grove, also, to ascertain if he has not recd. as much more than his quota as you are short. You will, of course, only account for what you received.

But Smith has appointed six inspecting Officers, who are now out under special orders & instructions. Capt. B. S. S. will be in your County soon & I trust will make the necessary examples. You have only to point out the case & he will do his duty.

Today I make application to Genl. Slaughter for Lt. John to take charge of the Special Case you name. If he considers it proper to make the order, I will forward it, and you may possibly have your County in good time before Capt. S. visits you.

Mr. Jones expected to find Speare here, & being disappointed prefers selling only half his Cotton and taking an exemption for the other.

Please ship me all the baled Cotton you can buy (i.e. Capt. Jones buys & turns over to you) I am loading the 'Habagorda' with ~~two~~ Bales & am short.

Very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
C. C. Webb Capt. Regt.

Cotton Bureau, Trans Miss Dept  
Houston July 25. 1864.

W. H. Perkins Esq  
Mexico.

Sir,

Mr. W. B. Hale will exhibit to you an agreement entered into with him as the representative of Jerome King, Kennedy & Stillman. The manner in which it is to be carried into effect is substantially stated in my endorsement accepting the proposition under the authority of Genl. G. Kirby Smith. To avoid delay, as well as to promote the service, I have requested Judge Hale to pay to Capt Wells \$20,000 - and to the agents at Laredo and Eagle Pass - \$10,000 each. You will take up the Receipts of these affairs in lieu of a like amount in specie.

Should Judge Hale decide to extend the transactions to a half millions of dollars, as contemplated, you will enter into a further contract that will express properly the entire transaction, and provide for its being carried out in good faith. You can direct the mules delivered to Algin C. D. Park, who will give a certified account to constitute your voucher, and the same course will be pursued in reference to the supplies deliverable at San Antonio to a bonded and Commissioned Officer of the Government.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt

W. A. Brownell  
Lt. Col.



Two hundred thirty  
four

I have the honor to deliver a communication from Mr. H. C. Hale, on the subject of transportation, bearing Seal Snodwells' endorsement and recommendation. It is hoped you will accept the position as the importance of this branch of the Service, especially in the present crisis, demands that an Officer of ability and energy should conduct it.

I send you also Genl Smith's general orders - 1<sup>st</sup> : Relief of  
protecting the supply trains - granting details for major missions - and  
directing the use of one half the transportation of the Army.  
These orders are believed to be ample. If others are necessary to  
enable you to organize the Transportation Corps properly, no doubt  
they may be obtained.

Please communicate with Ted Broadbent on this subject. He is anxious to know that you will undertake the change, and will regret your decision if you decide not to accept it.

Yours respectfully

Journalist sah

L. C. Kelly

Joseph & Agatha.

on duty in Leather Bureau

Major Chas Russell.  
San Antonio.  
Texas.

Quartermaster's Office,  
Havre July 15. 1864.

Gen. C. Hartman Esq. Apt  
Brazoria.

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 10th inst. & note contents.

When the Bagg & Rope is furnished by the Planter he will receive double the C.S. money value - in Confed. money - and an exemption for a like quantity -

This refers only to cases where the Cotton is sold and an exemption given for the other half -

Specie is only paid for when the whole is sold - No exemption is given when a Specie payment is required - Single Schedule makes note in all cases where Specie is paid -

The object of the change in the plan was to reimburse the Planter in part for the large outlay he had already made for Baggging & Rope -

Very respectfully

Yours obt. serv

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.



Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston, July 25. 1864

Col. Jas. J. McHenry, Genl.  
Austin,

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 20<sup>th</sup> inst. and note the necessity for details of the men named in the letter. I enclose you Genl. Smith's order on the subject to show you and the Enrolling Officers that the men should be allowed to remain where they are -

Immediately after receipt of this send me the descriptive list of each man. No details will be given without the description is furnished stating name, Residence, age, height, complexion, hair eyes, where born, where taken enrolled -

Attend to this without delay and I will forward the details - Genl. Smith's order is strong enough to cover all.

Very respectfully,

Yours truly,  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt.

Quantum actu's Office,  
Haverton July 15. 1864.

John Holston Esq. At.

Alleghen.

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 10th inst. which  
I told Robinson you would  
not be able to deliver the Cotton for some time. I  
believe he will ship his own Cotton but trouble you  
again very soon. If the Plantations are some-  
-what let the Porters take the Cotton from them. It  
must try to have the out of the way Cotton hauled in  
by using detailed men for the purpose. Shall I  
send you one or two wagons.

The forms are now being printed. You shall have  
them as early as possible.

The Souverville failed to get the Stationary off. I  
enclose you the Express Receipt. Do not fail to  
let Smith & Dade have their share.

In Hannover, Secy of Treasury will not let  
the State Cotton go. but some arrangement will be  
made by which this Office can control it. If the State  
will be satisfied with my official receipt for the Cotton, I  
am confident I can promise that the State will come  
again to delivery to me.

Respectfully  
Yours etc.  
Chas. C. Kelly  
Capt. & Agent.

Also get Sabbath to hand of the  
weights of the Cotton turned over  
to King & Co. I must have them.

Also the weight of the 43 lbs each a few days ago - and an idea of  
the the ripeness of the whole as well as he can give it.



Quartermasters' Office.

Houston, July 15. 1864.

J. B. Vaden Esq, At  
Tarranta, Tex.

Sir. I am in receipt of your favor of 13<sup>th</sup> inst.  
hitherto - also the Cotton from Mr. Downing.

As Druggs' Regt. being in Tex. I do not think the  
detail can be granted. But if you will make  
the application I will try it. I want all

your Cotton at Houston from this time on. It  
would prefer that no more contracts were made  
for hauling to the Rio Grande. If the detailed

man please to haul Cotton in to your place, I will  
get details for all who apply so long as the detail  
for them to do. You can return one

load for Mr. Caldwell. In shipping to San  
Antonio by rail, take separate bills for the Cotton  
shipped for Mr. Caldwell, and for me. Send  
me one copy of each.

As soon as you close  
up the old Cotton account send a final Statement to  
Col H. V. Hereafter all the Cotton will belong to my  
account & be shipped to Houston as soon as  
received by you. Mr. Bader at Austinville

will ship you about 2000 lbs. for which please  
obtain some 2000 lbs. as the Cotton arrives & forward.

I do not believe you can be disturbed. I return  
your original detail. Send me your descriptive  
list if you want to go through the Quartermaster's Office.  
I will send you a new detail. Very respectfully  
C. C. Wells Capt.

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 15. 1864.  
Henry Hecatt, Shreveport Co.  
Hempstead.

Sir,

I have your favor of 13th inst with reference to the Cotton you are carrying out under contract & desire me help to look on the 1st House -

I return you the letter endorsed by Col Hobbs. His endorsement constitutes the certificate upon which Major H. H. Hille at San Antonio will issue his permit for the exportation of your cargo. It is proper that you should also exhibit to him the approved copy of the contract with McCannan the Supt of the Sequestration Office.

It is essential that you should have Major Hille's permit, as the Cotton cannot pass out without it and is liable at any time to seizure after getting beyond San Antonio. You cannot avoid going on landing at San Antonio if you desire to protect your Cotton.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. servt  
L. C. Hille  
Capt & A. G. S.



Colon Donnan Esq. &c.  
 London, July 15. 1844.

Major A. H. Walker  
 San Antonio.

Major.

I will introduce Mr. ~~James~~ <sup>John</sup> ~~Smith~~ <sup>Smith</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> H. Agents, associated to you as a gentleman of energy and ability, calculated in every way to assist you in the management of your Office.

He is sent to you in accordance with your request for some assistant capable to aid you, and I am confident you will find Mr. ~~Smith~~ <sup>Smith</sup> such an one as you require.

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By Mr. ~~Smith~~ <sup>Smith</sup> will be directed to you Mr. ~~Smith~~ <sup>Smith</sup> one that his money advanced on specie. His Commission from Genl. Smith names the amount of his advance,

Very respectfully,

James Smith  
 J. H. Smith  
 Agent

Comdr. Bureau Leg. S. H.  
Houston Aug 25. 1874

Capt. S. L. Sevier  
San Antonio

Sir:

As ordered by the Bureau Leg. S. H.  
you are assigned to duty with Major S. H.  
at San Antonio. His monthly  
allowance \$120.00. You must be named in his  
commissions from Genl Smith. If paid in  
Confederate money will not support him  
in San Antonio. You will therefore  
pay him one half his monthly allowance  
in specie, for which this order will be  
your authority, in connection with his order.

Very respectfully

W. H. B. Smith

W. H. B. Smith



Quartermasters' Office,

Donation Valley, 15. Oct. 1864

W. H. Perkins Esq

Genl Command Ariz. Mexico.

Sir -

I enclose you a certified copy of the agreement at this date made with King & Co. by which I receive of \$20,000 & can \$30,000 - advance in coin, and supplies to the value of \$30,000. are to be delivered to Govt. The letter of Genl Persadmett of this date contains his endorsement and acceptance of the contract, and gives specific instructions as to its fulfilment -

Mr Haie has already turned over to me \$4275. as a portion of the advance named. This receipt, as well as additional ones, to the full amount of \$20,000. you will please take up, and I will substitute to you my duplicate Official receipts at any time you may desire them.

Very respectfully,

Grant

J. G. Hill

Capt & Agt.





Leathan Bureau, Dept Trans Miss  
 Augusta, July 16. 1864.  
 Legat Genl. Port Gt. Waco.

Capt.

This will acquaint a good Major Lewis who will be located at Waco for the purpose of supervising the Leathan interests of the Govt at that point and vicinity. Major Lewis may require your assistance in carrying out his instructions and so far as you are able to render him any facilities you are requested to do so. You will furnish the necessary storage rooms required for the protection of the Cotton which may be temporarily deposited at Waco - and if necessary to build shed for that purpose supply him with the materials and labor. In short render him all the aid in your power to give as it is important that the duties entrusted to him should be properly and promptly fulfilled. The prompt supply of the Army in a degree in a great measure upon the conduct of the business at Waco.

Very respectfully

Yours obly servt.

W. H. Bondwell  
 Lt Col

Quartermaster's Office

Houston, July 16. 1864.

Col. S. W. Speight,  
Haco.

Sir,

This will acquaint Major R. H. Lewis, who is assigned to duty at Haco to superintend the Cotton interests of the Government in Haco vicinity. His instructions from Col. Dimmick give him the supervising control of the region of country of which Haco is the centre. He will visit and direct the various county agents - urge them to increase their exertions - correct abuses if any exist - suspend agents who are inefficient - in short do all that can be done by this Office when circumstances appear to him to require such action.

You will please afford him all the facilities in your power to give - Your local knowledge of parties and the resources of the country will aid him very materially, and it is hoped and expected that you will work in concert with him and by your united efforts produce good results to Govt.

Major Lewis is authorized and directed to seize Cotton when necessary - I would suggest that such action is necessary in every case where you are unable to purchase the Cotton upon a fair understanding of the terms of the circular of June 20.

Very respectfully,

Yours obt. servt.

C. C. Wells,  
Capt. &c.



✓  
Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 1. 1864.

✓  
Capt.

I have the honor to request that you will approve the transfer of Dr S.B. Russell, and in your employ, to me. I understand you are about to disengage with this service, in which case I would be glad to have him with me. The Garrison will be agreeable to him and he has signified his willingness to accept it if retained by you.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt  
C. G. Wells

Capt. A. G. B.

So  
Capt. S. C. W. Harris, Capt.  
Houston, Texas.

on duty in Cottonwood.

✓  
Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 16. 1864.

Major.

I am in receipt of your favor of 12th inst. - I have searched all the men for a copy of the subpoenaed ad. without success. As soon as I can obtain one I will send it to you.

I understand Capt. Sharpshin has gone to Dr. Cameron's assistance. If you know that he has not, please go to Washington County & do the needful -

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

C. G. Wells

Capt. A. G. B.

Wm. L. Cauntree,  
Huntsville  
Tenn.

Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston, July 26. 64.

John H. Green Esq. Jr.  
Antonio.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 20<sup>th</sup> but from the  
sales, enclosing receipt for no R.R. from the Board.

The Contract sent you are for seed Cotton, only - When you  
buy Seed Cotton you merely give the Certificate and take no  
Contract.

I enclose you my certified account in  
favor of the Board, which will be paid here in new currency  
as soon as received. Tell him to procure this & present  
it here for payment.

I enclose also the Certificate  
of exemption - It must be taken to Maj. Miller at San  
Antonio who will take it up & issue his permit in  
due of it. No agents exemption will pass  
Cotton.

When Planters furnish this our Sugar & Rope we pay  
them double schedule rates in C.B. notes, as you will  
observe in the Board case. When the Board furnishes  
Sugar & Rope, 100% profit on the is charged and deducted from the  
C.B. notes paid. When the 10% specie payment is made the  
notes are not doubled, nor is any exemption given.

The Schedule rates for your District must be adhered to  
unless the Cotton is delivered at a Depot out of your District.  
in which case the Schedule for the Depot notes -

Very respectfully,  
J. H. Wells.  
Capt. V. A. G. et.



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Prothonotary's Office,  
Houston July 24, 1864

S. A. Locke Esq. Atty.  
Memphis, Tenn.

I am in receipt of your favor of 21<sup>st</sup> that is  
ackd. 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am glad to learn that the  
Harris lot is moving. Please send me all the  
bills you can collect as rapidly as possible. I am  
sending a steamer which brought in rifles and  
powder, and am still short of money to pay for them.  
Consequently no further shipments that are desirable  
at this time, or until the pressure is somewhat relieved  
at this point. Mr. Warren may be employed  
employed in hunting cotton in the A.R. This school  
will be sent you as soon as received from the Memphis  
Office.

Col. Humphreys is now with McLean negotiating  
differences in Washington County. If you meet with  
any further unwilling to sell and open like and secure  
the good effect of a prompt example. Robert and  
Abner Jordan are not expecting to be sold. I think that  
Dr. Allen will sell to you if he understands that by doing  
so he secures better terms to the State of Texas than if he  
sells it to be impounded.

Very respectfully  
Your obt. serv.  
C. C. Wells  
Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Regt.

Quartermaster's Office.

San Antonio, July 26. 1864.

Capt. John A. Ragsdale

San Antonio Co. Matagorda Co.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. to Col. Hutchins, and make your shipment of 6 Rye & 10 lbs. of flour.

In reference to the other contents of your letter, I would remark that the Cotton Bureau cannot now contract for Joint Cotton. As soon as such an arrangement is effected with the Treasury Department the Masters will be notified.

In consequence of late negotiations for the supply of the Army, the Joint Cotton in Matagorda County is pledged to parties as security for their payment. Mr. Harrison has been instructed in regard to the disposition of the Cotton, and it will remain on Plantation until called for. In the meantime it is desirable that it be got ready for delivery in as short time as practicable.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt

Co. G. 1<sup>st</sup> Regt.

Capt. Ragsdale.

on duty in Central Division



Quartermaster's Office

Houston July 16. 1844

A. A. P. Cameron, Esq. Agt  
Leona.

Ken.

✓  
I am in receipt of your favor of 12. Inst.  
And contents

Blank forms were sent you by mail some days  
previous to the receipt of your letter and I trust  
you are already in receipt of them. To Miss Loring  
are prepared as yet. Until some are sent a good  
please use such as you can procure at home.

Shipments to San Antonio must be consigned to  
Capt. J. C. Touchett, Atto, who will pay freight.

In the future until further orders all the Cotton in your Consignments I wish landed to Liverpool for shipment to Liverpool. Assign to the Merchants S. & T. Vaden, Dept. Agt. and send forward as rapidly as you can require the Cotton Insurance there. Please do not neglect to send me a copy of B/L of every shipment you make.

Very respectfully  
 Yours truly

Comptroller

W. C. C. C. C.

Capt K. G. B.

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Quartermaster's Office  
Houston July 26. 1864

Henry Ward Williams  
Imprisonment Commissioners, &c  
Marshall, Texas

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to request that you send me six copies of the Imprisonment Act, if you have time to spare. The six officers designated by Genl. Smith to inspect cotton in default of the sale of it by the Market and now out in the country acting under their orders. It is probable that some improvements may have to be made, and it is essential that the provisions of the law should be strictly followed. I have endeavored to obtain copies of the act for their guidance but am unable to procure any kind. I apply to you under the impression that you have had extra copies printed. If so, I trust you will supply me under the circumstances.

Very respectfully,

Yours obt. serv.

C. C. Kelly

Capt 1st Reg. H.

Quartermaster's Office.  
Houston Bay, 10th Oct.

J. B. Bailey Esq Esq  
Antiochville

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 10th inst. enclosing contents. I have forwarded to Forester for you 40 Bbls Seed Rape 800g lbs. will send an equivalent of Bagging as soon as it can be obtained. Please continue to send Baled Cotton to Forester until further orders - and do not fail to send me a copy of Bk. or slip showing the shipment.

I make the purchase of 40 Bbls from Dr. R. R. Knight. Capt. Jones will make the settlement - and issue the receipts.

As to the shipping one is yet prepared. I will send you some when ready -

Will very anxious to obtain at once one half the Baled Cotton in your District - Please

also report all Baled Cotton purchased by former Agents, still lying on Plantations - All the necessities are the same must be brought to be on without delay, and upon your report of such Cotton I will send you orders to have it put on route to America -

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. serv  
G. C. Kelly  
Capt & Agt. M.



Quartermaster's Office,  
London July 26. 1864

Genl. L. A. Dumas.  
La Bourgeoise

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 20<sup>th</sup> inst. in relation to the contents of the boxes.

I am sorry the order requested.

I think the case you refer to will be taken care of by the Quartermaster who is now on his tour of inspection. Give the names to the Quartermaster who will report them to Capt. S.

In the present I must refer you to the Quartermaster for freightage for quantities - or to the other agents.

The Quartermaster is now on his tour of inspection and this business cannot be handled any further.

Arrangements will be made to have it turned over - as soon as completed.

The Quartermaster will be directed to receive it.

The Quartermaster is now in correspondence with the Quartermaster on this subject.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant

C. G. Kelly  
Capt. & Agent.

Walter Brown.

From New York 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1854  
Houston 1<sup>st</sup> July 1854

My dear Mr. Sheller -  
from Antonio.  
Texas

Major. In to the publication of the  
late regulations for overland Commerce.  
The late Mr. Shellers made an  
arrangement with Col. J. D. McHenry  
to have his family agency in carrying  
promptly sufficient cotton to reach  
some promising engagements. of the bank.  
by which he procures. options on the  
his bank. one half the cotton for  
use of the bank and one half  
for use of the owner. both these  
halves are entitled to go out under  
the regulations. and I desire you  
to issue permits for their transportation  
upon the Certificate of Col. McHenry.  
very uncharged except on that of 100  
H. J. Cabell who is directed to certify  
to this effect upon the back of each  
Col. J. D. McHenry's statement.  
I am directed to carry out the intent  
of the regulations of Col. Shellers in good  
faith. and it further provides that  
that we shall receive 20 bales of cotton  
on loan for each hundred that  
be loaned for the bank for which we  
Cabell will furnish such Certificate as  
will constitute your proper vouchers.  
Very Respy Yrs at servt  
Wm. H. Bondwell  
to be had.



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 16. 1864.

Col. J. H. Kinney,  
Austin.

Sir. I enclose in receipt of your favour of 10th inst. addressed to Col. Hatching & Broadwell.

Col. B. desires me to say that his understanding of the result of the conference between Genl Smith & Gov. Johnson is, that the latter became convinced that one half the Cotton of this Country was needed by Govt for procurement of supplies, and proposed to issue a proclamation requiring that all holders of Cotton should turn over half in the terms of the Texas Office and acquire the right to export a like quantity. Genl Smith issued an order directing the exportation of all State Plant Cotton on the Rio Grande on 9th inst. for the purpose of enabling the State to pay the interest on her Bonds.

That Genl Smith further agreed that all State Plant Cotton at San Antonio or west of that place should go out under State protection, the Governor having offered to loan to the Confederate States such portion of said Cotton as the State may require. The latter part of the agreement has not yet been carried into effect. The information is furnished you in confidence, and you are requested not to communicate it until matters are more definitely determined.

Market Co's Invoices have been referred to Col. Hatching. I will report his decision in a few days.

Box of 20th inst just received. The shipping of gun 20 is sent to San Antonio as requested, so endorsed as to constitute an exception upon which he will give the necessary permit.

I enclose you an order to W. M. Perkins to pay the freight on the boat half of the Cotton forwarded by you. This will obviate the necessity of sales of Govt. Cotton by any other officer, and will fully answer your purposes.

Any party holding a gratuitous permit has no right to dispose of any portions of it, & the Govt. shall be protected against the ill effects of such trafficking.

It is Mr. Willie's permit should be obtained by every exporter before the Cotton passes San Antonio; as otherwise the risk of seizure may bring someone to grief. The law in the subject says that all Cotton proceeding in the direction of a port of entry shall be consigned, together with the wagons, teams, negro drivers &c. an alternative entirely unpleasant to contemplate.

Your suggestions will be thankfully received at all times, and acted upon when evidence that the good of the service will be promoted.

I know that your earnest desire is to do all in your power to promote the interests of the Govt. But one great element of success is the adherence to one plan of action. It is believed that the present plan will work well as soon as the people understand it, and with this conviction it is better not to change. Your cooperation is relied on & much good is expected from your services.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt -

C. C. Wells

Capt V. & B.



Cotton Bureau. Sept 26. 1857

Houston July 26. 1857. ✓

W. H. Perkins Esq

Genl. Commercial Agt Mexico.

Sir -

You will receive the Government  
half of the Cotton forwarded by Mr. J. F.  
McKinney, and pay the freight on the  
Mex portion -

Capt Smith, at San Antonio, will  
pay freights at that point -

Bills of lading accompanying the Cotton,  
or forwarded to you from Houston or Austin  
will inform you of the terms of contract  
and value of freight -

Very respectfully

Yours etc -

Wm B. Brewster  
S. A. Col

Quartermasters' Office, ✓

Houston, July 26. 1857. ✓

Deat J. F. McKinney,

Care Major S. West.

San Antonio, Tex.

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th inst covering  
Bills of lading for Cotton on your account  
and asking an exemption under  
your contract with Genl. Hatch -

I now enclose it with an endorsement  
constituting an exemption upon which Maj  
West will issue his permit -

Very respectfully

Quartermasters Office,  
Houston, July 16. 1864.  
General Canine Reg Ar

Country  
Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of  
18th inst. Capt. Stenopetina will reply to  
your questions under another cover. The drafts  
will be paid - this the people may depend upon.  
I am already partially in funds for payments  
here, but generally I would prefer to draw  
on Mr. Perkins. Where the drafts paid out  
of the proceeds of the Cotton - It is equivalent  
to shipping over to this Cotton for them -

I have no Bagg on hand, but am expecting  
a supply - You shall be furnished at the  
points named - Rope is abundant -

As delivery of 90 or 95 will answer the  
full half must be delivered or you will  
have to call on Capt. Stenopetina to aid you.

The Calculation that  $\frac{1}{2}$  the Cotton will supply  
the Army is far short of the reality, and no  
diminution of the quantity asked you can  
be allowed - The instructions are  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  
impossible - There seems to be no alternative.  
If one sample is necessary have it made.  
We want Cotton badly and want it at once -

Please direct all the Baled Cotton to Houston  
without delay -

Very respectfully  
Your obedient Servant  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Asst.



Quartermasters' Office.  
Houston July 16. 1864.

Major W. H. Miller  
San Antonio.

Major.

I am in receipt of your favor of 10th inst. concerning statement of permits issued by you on July 9th. This should go, hereafter, to District and Ordnance, as Genl Broadwell directed. The object being that Genl Slaughter may inform the officers on the Rio Grande to cause the proper issue of the permitted Cotton.

I enclose Genl Broadwell's endorsement on P. R. Smith's application for permit for 100 bales of Cotton. It will explain itself and constitute your authority for issuing the permits.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant  
G. G. Wells  
Capt. R. G. H.

Quartermasters' Office.  
Houston, July 16. 1864.

P. R. Smith Esq  
San Antonio.

Sir.

Call on Major Miller and get your permit for exportation of 100 bales of Cotton. Observe the endorsement, authorizing the permit. I sent to Major W. H. by this mail.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant  
G. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept L.H.  
 Houston, July 16 1864.  
 Capt. W. B. Lee. Agh.  
 Beaumont -

Capt. - Capt. Moore reports the arrival  
 of his boat with 3200 lbs Cotton. As it is  
 important to have 4000 lbs. good order  
 Cotton here by Thursday of next week,  
 you will send the 'Hulk Ben' & 'Blackback'  
 to Orange, to bring over such amount  
 to Beaumont.

You will secure all the R.R. transportation  
 at Beaumont, employ as many hands  
 as are necessary to load the cars, and  
 forward this Cotton to Houston at once.

If Capt. Perry is unable to secure a  
 Cotton Press, or two if needed, upon payment  
 terms, advise you all on the first Cotton  
 at Orange -

These instructions are important  
 and are relied upon to carry them out as  
 to produce the results indicated -

Very respectfully  
 Yours obt. servt  
 W. A. Groundwell  
 S. Lee



Houston, July 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

Hon S. S. Avery  
Dear Sir -

After an unsuccessful attempt to elicit so much of the attention and time of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandant as would enable him to investigate the merits of your claim, and determine the action that could properly be taken by me for your relief. I am influenced respectfully to recommend that the papers bearing describing the character of the claim, be transmitted to Lt Col Taylor, (who is personally cognizant of many of the circumstances connected with it) with the request that he will select 3 disinterested gentlemen (acceptable to yourself,) to determine the compensation that you are also the time & mode of payment. I believe that such action suggested by Col Taylor, would go far towards enabling me to adjust the account to your satisfaction. and I promise my best efforts to carry into effect such a decision as promptly as possible.

Very Respy

J. W. Caldwell  
Lt Col

Alton Duncan Transcribed  
Haverhill July 27. 1862

Sir  
Your requested favor of the 15th is received - with  
enclosure of Bond signed by my Son. A. D. H. which  
is herewith returned.

You have perhaps been informed by my  
Wife, that her instruction from the Board of Trustees forbade  
the signing of Bonds, to other than the party in favor  
of whom it is originally issued. In other words that they  
are not transferable. And apply to the letters which they  
are attached to protect. The Board of Trustees are forced to direct

this course through bad faith of persons obtaining from the  
Board of Trustees to obtain. Making a person receive a bond  
during the term, without introducing the article the Trustees  
are intended to enable them to acquire comfort.

This was attempted to which we submit that it became  
necessary to adopt at once, the most means to prevent it.

Which I cannot but approve the assumption you en-  
dorse - which appears to your letter. which should be  
taken by you from the east side of the Canal, under  
any circumstances. It would not be proper for me to  
give my Wife's instructions which would conflict with  
those issued at the Board which is the source from  
which his orders construction emanate.

To Mr. D. D. D. D. D.  
San Antonio

I am Very Truly  
Yours  
Alton Duncan



Received July 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

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Lt. W. H. Broadwell  
Care.

I have 70 Bales Cotton in store  
to the Rio Grande. I wish to have some a  
little quantity here & obtain the right to export  
my Cotton in transit -  
in D. H. A. Corridor

Approved -

Reply referred to Capt. C. F. Wells, who  
will receive from Col. Harwood 70 Bales  
Cotton from the same source by the Corridor  
being necessary for a large quantity which  
will be exported by way of the Rio -

I have the above Cotton by my assistant  
and have been taking possession of it with  
reference to the same -  
Representation of the same is a map of the

J. B. Brown  
Lt. Col.

Adj. Keller will issue the permit for the  
Saventy Bales referred to - The equivalent in  
Cotton is now being delivered to me, and as  
soon as completed the necessary certificate will  
be sent to him at San Antonio to serve as his  
voucher - In the meantime this paper can be  
filed for the purpose -

C. F. Wells  
Capt. & Agt.

Agency Cotton Bureau. O. H. B.  
Richmond Va July 16. 1864.

General. In accordance with instructions from the  
Chief of Cotton Bureau, I have the honor to report  
the names of parties, Cotton holders in Port Beaufort  
County, who either refused absolutely to sell their  
Cotton on the terms I am authorized to offer, or  
will give me no definite answer, evidently for  
the purpose of avoiding a compliance with the  
orders from Dept. of War.

J. C. Secrest	Sugar Land.	50 Bales
H. Durling	"	20 "
H. Greenman. Apt.	"	25 "
J. H. Snack	Richmond	20 "
Joe Patton	"	60 "
J. Hay Kendall	" (Bale Dept)	110 "
J. H. Samsbury	"	20 "
P. W. Kinton	Big Creek	20 "
Cal. Knighton	"	20 "

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. servt

Wm. S. C. Slaughter.  
Chief of Staff. Sub. Secy.  
Tombston -

E. Owens  
Capt. Chd. - Apt. Rich. & P. -



Wm. Owen Irons, Esq.  
Austin July 28th 1847

Sir  
You are appointed at the instance of Genl. Mangrum  
an Agent of the American and signed to duty at Ranch  
on the Rio Grande. — You will proceed that point and  
reside at the place mentioned: who is at present acting as an  
agent, and who will turn over to you such public property  
as may be in his hands, at the time of your arrival.  
Your duties will be to receive & forward Government stores  
and Cotton arriving at that point — To pay for the same  
the amount of the Central issues directed by the Govt. of  
all business pertaining to the Affairs of the Government, arriving  
at Laredo or vicinity.

Mr. H. Jones the Genl agent of the office  
at the Rio Grande is charged with the duty of conducting the  
business after its arrival on the Rio Grande. — He may make such arrangements  
as he shall think proper or direct the shipment to such point  
as he shall judge most advantageous to the Govt. He will  
also be responsible for the payment of freight & the expenditures of the  
office. It is desired that a cordial understanding should  
be maintained between you,  
yourself with the duties of the office by availing of  
his information and experience. Mr. James G. Giddens  
is relieved at his own request, on account of ill health.

Your correspondence will be to a  
large extent with Capt. J. C. Givins at San Antonio.  
You will do well to confer with him fully before leaving —  
He may be able to give you much valuable information.

entirely familiar with the character of your duties,  
You will also be acquainted with Capt. A. G. Smith as  
this point. who is charged with acquiring and forwarding  
to the Rio Grande, all papers obtained from the files of this  
Office both yourself & Mr. Smith are requested to carry out  
his instructions.

Your stay will be 15 or 20 days, during which  
you will be assisted by Mr. Smith & Mr. [unclear] who  
will file with you the necessary papers.

J. G. Clark  
Major, U.S. Army  
San Antonio

By order of the  
Major General

Wm. H. [unclear]  
Lieut. Colonel

16/10/64

London, 15th Nov. 1864  
Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

The B. M. [unclear] [unclear]  
Capt. A. G. Smith

Sir,  
You have asked me to send you  
a copy of the [unclear] of the [unclear]  
at [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] to Mr  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] at [unclear]

Respectfully,  
Wm. H. [unclear]  
Capt. A. G. Smith



Quartermasters' Office,

Houston, July 18, 1864.

W. R. S. Samuels A. & A. C.

Highest Lane, Houston

Sir.

I have the honor to request the detail  
of  
Private W. R. S. Samuels - G. Co. Bates Regt.  
for service in transporting Government Cotton  
to San Antonio.

Please order him to report to me for duty.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. serv.

C. G. Wells

Capt & A. G. B.

Quartermasters' Office,

Houston July 18, 1864.

John Watson Esq. of -

Alleyton,

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 15<sup>th</sup> inst.  
with enclosures, which shall have attention at my  
earliest convenience.

The Stationery has gone to you by Express - I  
send you also, in another package, the printed contracts  
you require - Send some of them to Cooke and  
Harris with the Stationery -

Very respectfully

Yours obt. serv.

C. G. Wells

Capt & A. G. B.





Quartermaster's Office,  
 Honolulu, July 18. 1874  
 Mr. J. M. Lawrence Esq. At-  
 Brazoria.

Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of the 14th inst. & the  
 contents -

Mr. Dance will be detailed and ordered to report  
 to you for duty - If his labor will expedite the  
 delivery of the Cotton keep him at work as long  
 as necessary -

I am glad to note the willingness of the Planters  
 in your district to sell on the terms proposed &  
 trust they may remain in the same happy state  
 of mind -

If you can purchase the oil & kerosene necessary,  
 please do so. The cost will be refunded to you  
 here -

Any Baled Cotton you may purchase in the  
 County please send it in to Mr. Admire for dis-  
 patch to Boston - The Island of Oahu County  
 Cotton must remain on plantations for the present  
 as it is pledged to King & Co. must be delivered  
 to them on their application -

Very respectfully

Quartermaster

C. E. Smith

Capt. Agent

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 18. 1864

J. A. Miller Esq. Lt.

Crockett

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 12<sup>th</sup> inst & note contents.

In furnishing Bagging (Rope) to Planters you may supply them with enough to bale their own crops at the same price and on the same terms as for the half sold to Govt. Pay. will be received out of a sub. to be paid to them. Govt. Bagging Rope should be carefully inspected & parties required to make for it. It is to be made it go as far as possible.

If Govt. Bagging Rope to be made for you, will it answer? or must it end it to Crockett? How much do you require at once?

All the Baled Cotton you require please direct to have in at once, for issuing to S. S. Vidder, Depot Agent at San Antonio. Please send me one copy of Bill Lading in every case.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

C. E. Miller

Capt. R. A. H.



Quartermaster's Office,  
Havannah, July 18. 1864.

S. A. Medder Esq. Capt.  
Havannah.

Sir, I have your favor of 15<sup>th</sup> inst. No arrangement has yet been made by which the Sea Island Cotton can come into our hands regularly. If the Board will take the responsibility of turning it over to me, I will receipt to him officially for it, and when the arrangements for transport is completed he can get a new receipt for more.

Very respectfully,  
Your obt. servt  
L. G. Wells

Capt. & Agt.

Quartermaster's Office,  
Havannah, July 18. 1864.

Rev. A. Davidson,  
Gonzales.

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 12<sup>th</sup> inst. and note enclosed. Your remarks are very good and Capt. Lynch will be directed to allow you double price for your Sea Island Cotton. Your Cotton is not pure Sea Island, as you will notice by the seed, but the staple is longer finer & stronger than uplands, and is worth the double Sea Island rates.

Very respectfully,  
Your obt. servt  
L. G. Wells  
Capt. & Agt.

Friend General James M. Smith Dep't  
St Louis July 18th 1864

Friend A. L. Johnston  
St Louis Mo

Dear Sir

I have about you several receipts for St. Louis  
which I have received from Mr. W. B. Smith my Agent at  
St. Louis. I have also the receipts and  
return that came to this office at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully Yours most obedt servt

C. F. Wells  
Agent & Clerk in Charge



Quartermasters' Office.  
Houston, July 18. 1864

General:

I have the honor to enclose the copies  
asked for this morning, say -

Circular to Agents - June 20. 64. and orders from  
Regt. H. G. -

Amended Circular to Agents - June 20. 64.

Letter to Agents - June 20. 64.

Letter to Impressing Officers - July 5. 64.

also -

Letter from Regt. H. G. - June 6. 64 -

I believe these letters constitute all the instructions  
issued from the Quartermasters' Office.

I also enclose Major Hillier's report of  
permits issued by him to July 9th inclusive.  
The permits for S. & S. permits, to which I had the  
honor to call your attention this morning, were  
authorized by Capt. Smith, when last at Hempstead,  
and are correct -

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

L. G. Wells

Capt. Regt.

on duty in Victoria Barracks,

205  
S. J. Blough  
Capt. Regt.  
Hempstead

✓  
 Cotton Bureau Town and State  
 Houston. July 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Wm. M. Lindsay. Esq  
 Sir -

I have been called upon by  
 Messrs. King, Kennedy & Pittman to furnish cotton  
 on the Rio Grande to meet their contract  
 for supplies to be furnished to the Army  
 Command. I have said to them that  
 I have no accurate information as to  
 the cotton going forward which can be  
 relied upon for this purpose, or the  
 extent to which the United States  
 covering into your hands may have been  
 already appropriated or pledged - but  
 that I would demand from you to take  
 up the certified accounts for supplies  
 furnished under the contract referred  
 to. When presented, provided you  
 are in possession of cotton, can be  
 properly applied - which you are  
 desired to do - the effort will  
 be made to forward you 1000  
 Bales for this purpose... under  
 an impression that Messrs. King & Pittman  
 will be justified in suspending action  
 on the contract. provided cotton is not  
 furnished by the bank as agreed upon.

Very Respy

J. A. Light

J. A. Light



Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston, July 19, 1864.

H. S. Davis,

Sir: Off. Order Bureau.

I have the honor to request the arrest  
of the following negroes belonging to the  
H. S. English of Austin County. They  
being employed in hauling Government  
Cotton.

Sam.	28 yrs.	5 ft 10 in	Black
Jim	28	" " "	"
John	26	" " "	"
Dave	22	5 ft 5 in	"
Henry	28	5 ft 0 in	"

Respectfully  
Yours,  
C. C. Kelly  
Capt. Regt.

Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston July 28th 1864

W. R. S. Samuels A.D.C.

Adjutant Gen'l Houston.

Sir,

I have the honor to request the following  
details for service in transporting Government  
Cotton -

W. H. Cochran, Capt Davis' Co., Col. Burt's Regiment

William Saff

W. H. Harrison

W. H. Hill

Thompson, B. Home Station

Co. B. 20th Texas Cavalry (Detachment)

The latter (Hill) is now here discharged and unable

to procure a horse. He is ordered, he

is an experienced packman & is needed at once

to assist in putting in order the new pack

Cotton just arrived from La.

Please order the men to report to me for

duty.

Very respectfully

Your obedient

C. C. Wells

Capt & A.D.C.



Commissioner's Office,  
New York City, N.Y.

J. S. Leake Esq. Esq.  
New York City

Sir.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to  
Contents. I wrote you this morning in regard to  
Haver. The 1st of Dec. was received as  
stated. The remainder is reported as not paid.  
We received also 20 of Dr. P. S. Leake, as per  
your P. K. letter.

In regard to the New Manufacturing Company and  
refers to. If it is Dr. Young's Manufacturing Company  
they will surely pay the 1000.00. You don't  
know them are exempted for 100.00 upon their ex-  
emption that they had no more that such amount would  
enable them to bring in their machinery. They have received  
Mayor Waller's permit for the amount. Consequently only  
1000.00 is protected. They will undoubtedly soon remove  
this amount if they have not already done so. But all that  
is left in your district will be subject to your action  
under the rules.

Capt. Sinapchins' visit to Washington County had an  
excellent effect. The parties who had refused Mr. Cannon's  
proposals sold to Capt. S. at eight. I hardly think  
a case of actual imprisonment will occur.

Sincerely,  
Yours truly  
C. C. Wells  
Capt. N.Y.A.

## Quartermaster's Office.

Houston, July 29. 1864.

S. S. Cooke Esq.

Hempstead.

Sir. I have your two notes for Mr. Harned. He has no detail. His absence is regret to you. He is subject to your orders. He is also not allowed to land. Unless you direct this detail can be sent at a very moment. I paid him \$1000.00. He is on the Texas Coast. I return you no bond. It appears he understands that 20 Bales of cotton 40 more to be returned to him on the other side of the Rio Grande. Such an arrangement cannot be made. If he desires to stay only 20 Bales he can do so. But if he is to stay 60 Bales, then the Gov. Cotton or its value is void. I have explained this to him and you can arrange the matter in some way to make it satisfactory to him. If possible by the same time he will be ready to go. If he wants to land out of over 20 Bales at the same time he will have to provide extra wagons. His entrance was made at Anahuac or Arado. To return cannot be effected beyond Capt. Smith's instructions until further orders.

Very respectfully

Your obedient

Servant

Capt. T. J. Smith



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 29. 1864

Dear, Dear Smith,

Commanding Marine Department.

Dear -

I have the honor to request the transfer  
of Mr. W. H. Haddins, (now detailed to you), to the  
Cotton Bureau. His services can be made  
of great use to the Govt. in this Department,  
and I would be glad to avail of them if you  
can dispense with him.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

W. H. Hall  
Capt & Adj.

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 29. 1864

Dear Stone Regt  
Cochran.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 27th inst.  
Mr. Haddins cannot be detailed until he is re-  
called for service a member of some Company  
in this District. I will endeavor to see his  
disposition re his joining a Company and see  
his Company & position - and I will forward  
you his return. At the same time I  
will send you a copy of the report.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

W. H. Hall

Guatemaleros' Office  
Washington July 29. 1864

Capt. J. H. Lang.

Manila, Pella Co.

Capt.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 25th inst & am glad to hear that the cotton has been sold to parties who have permits, & that your authority extends far enough to demand an exhibition of the permit. If it is demanded from the Col. Prosser, the Col. Harkins, or myself, it will be issued. All other exemptions from any source whatever have been suspended by order of Genl Smith. and the parties who expect to protect their cotton thus will be disappointed, as they will not have the permit in such cases.

I think the planters selling under Genl Smith are willing to take drafts on Mexico. However I would prefer they should sell only one half the cotton, until I can make arrangements to have sufficient specie funds here to meet all demands.

The cotton owned by parties absent in the army falls equally under the rules, but in consideration of the circumstances I agree with you that in such measures should be taken. If however, an agent represents the absent party he or she must elect whether to sell or not.

Very respectfully  
Your obedient servant  
C. G. Wells Capt. 1864.



✓  
 General Managers' Office,  
 Houston, July 29, 1864.

✓  
 Capt. J. S. Smith.

Gonzales.

✓  
 Capt. ✓ I am in receipt of your favor of 24<sup>th</sup> inst. ✓  
 and have some contents.

I have written Mr. Donahoe that you would be interested  
 to pay him double schedule rates for the two Island  
 orders, and I enclose you to my letter to him, now sent  
 you.

I will send you the certified acct for A. Stevens. It  
 you can collect the money upon it at any time by sending  
 it here receipted. I am grateful to you for your  
 action, as it will create confidence, and increase the  
 rapid acquisition of Cotton for Govt. - but I trust you  
 will hereafter be able to trade for drafts upon the Bank,  
 as specie deposits is so small that it will not attract  
 many calls upon it.

I have referred the fine details, I will thank to  
 Mr. Ad. Geo. for action. They will no doubt be ordered to  
 their commands.

Your action under the instructions will be fully con-  
 sidered at all times, & you will call upon Mr. Baughman  
 or will yourself make arrangements when necessary. If  
 the exceptions referred to are from Mr. Cole Broadwell or Col  
 Nathan or myself they are correct. no others will be  
 respected. - Genl Smith has suspended all gratuitous  
 permits for six months. You will not make one of this  
 kind until you are otherwise informed of it.

Very respectfully,  
 J. S. Smith

Quartermasters' Office

Hanover, July 19. 1864

Capt J. S. Davis.  
W. F. John Esq. Agt  
Richmond.

Return to J. S. Davis.  
Recd. two hundred calculations out of  
the first lot obtained from research  
purchased. See duplicate receipt  
for me. Having classification & weight.  
C. C. Wall  
Capt. J. S. Davis.

Very respectfully,  
C. C. Wall

Very respectfully,  
C. C. Wall

C. C. Wall

Very respectfully,  
C. C. Wall

The above mentioned use of the same is  
to be of great importance to me & is  
of great value to me & is of great  
value to me & is of great value to me



Quartermasters' Office,

Houston, July 18. 1864.

W. A. S. Sumner, A. S. G.

Ad Gen H. Houston.

Sir,

I have the honor to request the detail of  
Private J. V. Reichell, towards unattached Cavalry  
Co. for service in the Cotton Bureau in the  
transportation of Government Cotton.

Very respectfully,

Gouraudy.

C. C. Wells

Capt K. A. G. B.

Quartermasters' Office,

Houston, July 19. 1864

A. McManis Esq

Carey, Matagorda Co.

Sir,

I have your favor of 17th inst & inclosed contents.  
As promised I send you the exemption for  
200 lbs Cotton, based upon Mr. Hackensack's  
certificate.

It will be necessary for you to send  
the paper to Maj. H. H. H. as this document is  
the only paper which will pass your  
Cotton through the Custom House.

I suppose it makes no difference what route  
the Cotton goes, except that I believe all roads  
between the lower roads road are prohibited,  
the Cotton & teams found below is subject to  
seizure.

You should know the state  
of the case, having been lately through the  
Court.

Very respectfully,

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 18, 1864

Charles Power Esq  
Providence,

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 16<sup>th</sup> inst. and note the proposal to do something on this side on the basis of Mr J. B. Powers contract with the War Department.

The Cotton Bureau will not enter into the contract - but I can say to you that your proposal is so much better and will secure the supplies so much cheaper than we are getting them, that all you bring in will be bought and paid for as you propose, say -

50% profit on manufacturers price, with freight at \$25 per ton, - payable in Cotton at 64 per lb. - now to take out all your Cotton as needed, without any claim for freight for room in the vessel, so long as the Cotton thus acquired fills the vessel. and if there is a surplus of Cotton, take it out in another vessel.

I write you another letter. With this I have time - Yours, to come at Capt Fairbairn at San Antonio - I send Mr Power's letter there to your address, enclosed to you.

Very respectfully

J. G. Webb

C. G. Webb

Capt V. A. G. B.



Quartermaster's Office.

San Francisco, July 30. 1846

J. H. Crocker Esq. <sup>of</sup>  
Victoria.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favour of 26th inst. and  
make contents -

In the probable cases stated by you, it should be  
your duty to assist the parties to the extent of your  
ability. Make arrangements with a neighborly  
Planter to give the Cotton for them. Obtain transac-  
tion for the said Cotton - make them witnesses of  
the transaction so that they cannot deny knowledge  
of the expense of putting their Cotton into merchantable  
shape - Have the bill of such charges approved  
by a neighbor, and give a copy to the party - &  
it can be deducted here from the return.

If possible have the gin & press repaired for  
the party, & paying the expense. If necessary  
& you can designate a soldier or some one else  
to do the work, I will have him detailed for  
the purpose -

In any case the Cotton must not cost the Govt  
any more than the prices at receipt, for  
merchantable Cotton.

Yours respectfully

C. L. Smith

Asst. Surg.

14th Aug 46

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Quartermaster's Office.  
Houston July 20. 1864.

John Holston Esq  
Allegany,

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 18th inst. in relation to contents.

If you can have any of the Plantation Cotton landed to Allegany on the same in the inland please do so and make a payment on the same.

You are expected to fill out the Bill that the order is only a good one as to - but you will keep the last is Bill separate and so report it when delivered - do with the other old orders - as a matter of good faith the Cotton must be delivered.

Yours

C. C. Smith

Quartermaster's Office.  
Houston July 20. 1864.

S. S. Fadden Esq Esq  
Tennessee.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 19th inst. as also the 21st from Mr. Bailey - some of it came from Cold Spring - Polk County.

Your order in favor of the agents, the freight will be settled here -

Shall send will be sent you by first opportunity.

Very respectfully

Yours at com -

C. C. Smith  
Capt & Adj.



1. Cotton Bureau

Wm. B. Smith.

Drawn up after  
Houston. 19th Sept 1864

Dear Sir,

Mr. Mitchell will forward to you  
for payment the certified accounts of all  
the cotton from the Memphis Warehouse  
for about \$250000. I have given  
the cotton in question under the name  
of Louisiana County. It will be an account  
for the payment of this debt. It will  
be forwarded to you for the purpose  
and you will apply it to the payment of  
the indebtedness when discovered. As its  
specie value in New Orleans, should any  
disagreement arise as to the true value  
of the cotton in question. you  
are authorized to dispose of the cotton  
to pay this indebtedness in specie.

Very Respectfully

Wm. B. Smith

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C. C. Webb

How many Bales do you expect to put up - I sent  
you originally Sagitt Ridge for about 200 Bales -  
know land enough for 300 Bales - will now  
need any more - If so please make as close a  
calculation as possible when you order the  
last lot -

By Saturdays mail please send me a statement  
of the quantity, classification & weight of the  
account then completed -



Quartermaster's Office

Houston July 30. 1864

Mrs. G. Harrison Esq Esr  
Brazoria,

Sir,

As you are already aware the arrangement with King & Co. provided to turn on half the Cotton in the County at a agreed on on 10<sup>th</sup> July '64. You will therefore notify all parties concerned that no Cotton can be purchased from the date to be applied to permits held by parties - nor can any Cotton, not properly exempted be removed from the County since that date. Any Cotton so removed you will please be careful to report to this Office - & a note report on a separate paper so that it may be conveniently filed.

The restriction does not apply to purchases made previous to July 10<sup>th</sup> by parties who held Col. Hutchins' exemption and bought Cotton to apply to the permit. ~~Exemption~~ permits from Departments or District Head Quarters will not protect Cotton & none can be taken out of the County under such papers.

Please secure Matagorda County fence, in order that the Government may be able to remove the Cotton as early as possible.

Very respectfully,  
Your obt. servt  
C. G. Wells  
Capt V. Agt.











Commencement Office,  
Hawarden, July 20. 08.

Maj. J. B. Thomas

Cy. Engineer, Service West. Dist. Depot.

Sir,

I have the honor to request the oil of John. D. Gibson, of Hageroda Co. counsel at Hawarden, this day, 4th inst. 5 ft 6 in high, fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair.

Mr Gibson has been engaged to load cargo of the wagon trains employed in removing Fort Ledham from Hageroda County, and his services are necessary for that purpose.

Please direct him to report to me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully,

John A. S. S.

J. B. S. S.

Capt. & Agent.





Quartermasters' Office  
 Havana July 20. 1894  
 Quartermaster Eng. Dept  
 Country

Sir,  
 I have your favor of 15th inst. and will direct  
 the orders supplied for the men are ordered  
 to report to you. You can make the order  
 for them to report to the 1st Infantry Co.  
 Very respectfully,  
 C. G. Webb  
 Capt. 1st Inf.

Quartermasters' Office  
 Havana July 20. 1894  
 Col. J. H. Smith, Jr.  
 Grace

Sir,  
 I am in receipt of your favor of 15th inst.  
 and will direct the men are ordered  
 to report to you. You can make the order  
 for them to report to the 1st Infantry Co.  
 Very respectfully,  
 C. G. Webb  
 Capt. 1st Inf.

Very respectfully,  
 C. G. Webb  
 Capt. 1st Inf.

Quartermaster's Office,  
Boston July 20. 1864

S. D. Cook Esq  
Boston

Sir, I have your favor of 10th inst. I am sorry to say there is no marking ink to be had. I will have to rely upon your ability to procure a substitute. To Bills Lacking are yet prepared. Will send you some as early as they can be had. Do not delay shipments however but make use of any form of wagon receipt you can get in ~~Charleston~~

I am sorry to see that all the parties who sell to you under Paragraphs 2. come here expecting to have the Specie paid down to them. Now, it is plain that this cannot be done for three months to come, as the money must come from the Rio Grande. If they would take a draft upon Mr. Perkins they could get the money by sending for it - a draft upon Mr. Dorsey cannot be paid until money is lodged with him, and time must be given to effect this. I have promised Capt. Beant to pay for his arms & the Stanchfield lot on next Monday. I shall do so, but it takes almost all the Specie the Bureau has on hand. Hereafter if the Planters cannot credit us until the payment can be made, I would prefer that they would sell only under the 1st Paragraph. Indirectly I have always preferred that no other offer had been made. It pays the vendor less than the other, as the completed half is worth more than the whole uncompleted - while the manner & character of settlement gives the Govt no appearance of no embarrassment.

Very respectfully

Yours obdt

C. C. Wells  
Capt & Asst



Houston. 19<sup>th</sup> July 1864

Major A. H. Miller -  
San Antonio -

Major - I have the honor to transmit herewith an order from Genl E. Kirby Smith to permit the exportation of all State plant Cotton now at San Antonio or west of that place. You will please keep an accurate account of the Cotton exported under this order & inform me.

Very Respy

J. H. Caldwell  
Adj. Genl

San Antonio, Tex.  
19<sup>th</sup> July 1864

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May

You will receive by express a copy of the report of the exportation of State Cotton from the place at San Antonio or west of that place. The Adj. Genl of the State of Texas.

It is to be required in case of any violation of the order of exportation -

Very Respy

San Antonio

19<sup>th</sup> July

1864

Adj. Genl  
E. Kirby Smith  
Chas. Cunningham

True Copy

Quebec City,  
 Quebec July 20. 1864

Mr. Reynolds Esq  
 Barrington

Sir,

Upon the recommendation of Mr. D. Simpson  
 and Mr. Saison I have arranged I send you the  
 papers concerning the loan of \$250,000.

I believe you will find the instructions plain. I  
 trust your enquiries will always receive attention.

As it will take some time to provide specie  
 at Mr. Simpson's to make the payment specified  
 in the second Paragraph of the printed circular  
 I desire that you should with all persons receiving  
 you the whole of their portion that they accept the  
 draft upon Mr. Perkins, at which I make  
 provision by paying out one half their portion as  
 proposed in the first Paragraph, paying them  
 in 10 \$ notes (new currency when received) and  
 giving them an exemption for a time quantity.

The necessary forms will be sent soon by  
 Mr. Hester the Agent at Alberton by which  
 opportunity will direct how to use them.

Very respectfully

J. C. Kelly

Esq. Barrington.



Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston July 20. 1864

J. H. Sisson Esq. -  
La Grange.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 18th inst. enclosing contents -

I enclose you a copy of the authority Genl. J. R. Sumner derived from Genl. Broadmead. Your name and Dietrich was added after the paper was completed, at Genl. Sumner's request. He said he could control all the transportation the Govt. would need and he desired to have some person who would accede him to the extra details and make him to arrange loads for the trains he organized. You are not to do any the remainder of the work by waiting for Genl. S. to come to terms. He has the same reader you are authorized to load them, not in other parties applying upon our terms, in his absence, or where he has no transportation ready, they are entitled to the loading. Any arrangement Genl. S. may make with teamsters is a matter between himself and them.

Upon the recommendation of Capt. Shepley, who states your approval of the selection, you desire to be relieved of a portion of your Dietrich. Mr. Sherman Reynolds has been appointed agent for Bastrop County. I trust my rapid communication with Capt. Shepley will, without further

I will not make any further communication with you until I have received your answer to the letter of the 18th inst. which I have just received.

✓ Quartermaster's Office,  
Houma July 20. 1864

John G. Garrison Esq  
Oregonia

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 17th inst from Columbia & note enclosed.

The two you report as belonging to A. & C. Mills is protected by exemptions they hold from death, Dutchies. and does not, therefore fall under the rules of the Cotton Bureau. I understand they have been known as in Saragorda County in the same position - if it was purchased previous to 1st 12th it will be protected but they cannot avoid any later purchases.

I enclose you the details for S. & H. Rance - Col Gaines has been clearing about the manner the work is to be done, and how it is to be paid for. I propose that mechanics (Govt) require the same in each number as necessary. They can be detained for the purpose & the Rances can supervise the work. The Govt. pays the latter their soldiers pay. The Planters to pay any extra reasonable charges, and the head of the negroes \$30.00 per month each. This will be just to the Govt and cheap to the Planters. Col Gaines will be furnished with the necessary papers to enable him to collect the workmen.

The Bagging & Rope shall be sent.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt

Co. G. 1st Regt. Col. 1st Div.



Commodore's Office,  
 Houston, Tex. 20. 1864.  
 Capt. J. C. Smithell  
 San Antonio.

Sir - Messrs. Smithell & Walker have received  
 this certified account and left them with Capt.  
 Hopkins subject to the payment to be made by  
 you in accordance with instructions from Capt.  
 Broadwell dated 19th inst.

The certified accounts were  
 for Ordnance Stores  
 Medical

\$ 19,337.49  
 15,338.08  
 \$ 34,675.57

upon which Capt. Hopkins was  
 paid at Alleyton

5,070.60

Leaving Balance due there

\$ 29,605.06

This statement will be your voucher for the pay-  
 -ment when made, and Official receipts will  
 be given you in lieu of it.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient

Obt. J. C. Smithell

Capt. & Surg.

Cotton Bureau Trans Miss Depart.  
Houston Texas July 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

Mr J D. Cook  
Agent Houston

Sir

I have informed me at your earliest convenience if the 35 Bales Cotton  
(for which I hold your certificate) delivered at Williamsone Plantation is Baled  
the reason of my inquiry is that if the 35 Bales are in bulk or unbaled  
and I summer Bagging & Bales to cover the same - you only get 12 1/2  
cents for the Cotton in same, but where parties furnish the Bagging & Bales  
as in other words deliver their Cotton Baled they are entitled to double  
the market's price; therefore please let me know at once whether the  
35 Bales are Baled or in bulk to enable me to make out and send  
you a certificate for the same

I am Sir Yours most ob<sup>o</sup> or<sup>r</sup>  
C. G. Hill  
Captain T A L M



Guantanamo Office  
Sancti Spiritus July 22 1894

Capt. J. S. Spinks,

Congress.

Capt.

I enclose you the order to Smith & Jones, with an endorsement from the 1st Lieut. ordering them to report to the Quartermaster, which, please hand to Capt. H. C. Jones, in his action.

I enclose also the order to account for Ali Sheneo - \$400.00 - for the 1st Lieut. Jones.

I hope you will pay the money to the proper authorities, and will pay to the proper authorities you have to do so.

Please take notice, that nothing has been allowed me to do in Spain, and from the Rio Grande, that is, under the 1st Paragraph and to be settled for in cash upon the 1st Paragraph of Mr. Son's - The 1st Paragraph will doubtless be paid on, in settlement or soon after - The 2nd Paragraph on Mr. Son's cause is paid until funds are procured with time, for that purpose is that vendors cannot wait a reasonable time, I would prefer waiting until then under 1st Paragraph only.

Very respectfully,

Guantanamo

C. C. Hill

Capt. T. J. G.

Quartermasters Office  
Houston, July 20. 1864  
J. B. Bailey Esq Capt  
Monteville.

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Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 16th inst. & note contents. The 1st & 2d are recd. - One Bill is return - As soon as I can ascertain which law it belongs to, will send you a certificate, so that you may make no mistake on the vendors.

I enclose the British Contractors proposal approved unless the Com. is not in favor of it.

Make the bill as small as you can for all return freight and I will pay the Bill approved by you.

Very respectfully,  
Commandant  
J. G. Hill  
Capt & Adj. St.

Quartermasters Office  
Houston, July 20. 1864  
Honor. H. C. Rowland  
Monteville

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge Receipt of your favor of 16th inst. Contents noted.

Mr. Bailey's activity and energy is fully appreciated. Your instructions to him in the case of Hernandez's case is approved. Unless they can show a proper exemption the Cotton will not be protected & must fall under the general rules.

Very respectfully,  
Commandant  
J. G. Hill



Quartermasters' Office

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Houston July 24 1864

Saml Moore & Son  
Brazoria

Sir,

I enclose this day shipped you -  
50 coils Rope and an equivalent in  
Sargassum & Twine - as per your request of  
last 10th inst. -

Capt Lee or Mr. Perry have no doubt  
already secured the necessary licenses -

Very respectfully

Yours obly

Wm. G. Hill  
Capt. T. A. G.

Quartermasters' Office

Houston July 24 1864

Ed Sammie Esq  
Brazoria Co.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 28th inst  
reporting purchase of Cotton from Govt as sub  
st for local currency - Should be please  
make reports on a separate paper for  
convenience of filing

I trust you will obtain the large quantity  
of State Plant Cotton referred to

Very respectfully

Yours obly

Wm. G. Hill

Capt. T. A. G.

Commissioner's Office  
Houston July 21. 1864

Major J. C. James

Chf. Conscript Service Headquarters Tex.

Major, I have the honor to request the  
detail of

Gen W. H. H. 40 yrs. 5 ft 8 in. Blue eyes,  
grey hair, light complexion & native  
of Alabama - enrolled in Colorado  
County -

to serve as wagon master. His services in  
transporting Cotton for Govt are very essential  
at this time -

Please direct him to report to me for  
assignment to duty

Very respectfully  
Wm. H. H.  
J. C. James  
Capt. 1st Regt.



Commodore's Office,

Houston July 21. 1864.

W. H. John Esq. Esq.

Richmond,

Sir I am in receipt of your favor of 19<sup>th</sup> inst. -  
Mr. Ryan presents a long letter receipts, but as I had  
no funds I could not pay him. Paragraph 2 does not  
say the Specie will be paid down. It says plainly a draft  
for Specie. It says also a draft on Mr Perkins they will  
get the Specie on presentation, or soon after. a draft on  
Mr. Perry cannot be paid with funds are placed with him.  
It says will not give notice to procure the funds from  
the Rio Grande. I would greatly prefer that all the  
purchases be made under the 1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph. If they  
will give me time I will pay the money down here,  
but time I must have.

Capt. Broadwell is very much averse to changing  
the published rates of transportation. Mr. Perry was  
here & the whole question briefly turned over with him.  
It is turned out that ox teams will as a general thing  
make the trip in as short time as mule teams, the  
rate will be made uniform but reduced to 1/2.

As soon as the Transportation Corps is organized  
it is probable that a very much lower rate will be  
established - probably 1/4 -

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.

Cotton Bureau

Trans reg. 24th

Houston 21<sup>st</sup> July 1864

I hereby certify that in a recent statement  
about the S. A. Co. of his claim against  
the Com. of the S. A. Co. by J. H. Kenderly.  
A. A. Phelps & Co. by Long & Co. Antislavery  
to whom the case was referred - that  
they S. A. Co. has secured the right to  
export 322 bales of cotton and to  
to Mexico in addition to 322 bales  
delivered here in the State of Louisiana  
and upon A. A. Phelps & Co. for future  
that some more bales to the exportation  
of the above (322) there hundred & eighty six  
bales of cotton and the presentation of the  
instructions

W. H. Brander  
S. A. Co.

Cotton Bureau & ~~Trans~~  
Houston July 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

Captain

The bearer hereof Captain J. H. Finch goes  
over to undertake the superintendence of affairs  
necessary to be made upon the "Cotton Coast".

I will feel obliged by any assistance or facilities  
you may find it convenient to afford him in  
promoting the successful accomplishment of the  
work with which he is charged.

I am very respectfully  
Yours truly  
J. H. Brander

To  
Captain A. B. Lee  
Agent Beaumont

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Houston. June 11<sup>th</sup> 1864  
 Mr. W. B. Black  
 acting chief of Cotton Bureau

Dear Sir  
 you will deliver to you 25 bales  
 of 300 lbs. Three hundred of your two bales  
 of cotton by choice and below the  
 average of low marketings and if  
 such in good order to be returned.  
 at the expense of the Com. the  
 cotton can be taken out of the bond  
 cotton now at Galveston as if Lady  
 Army proposes the out of the Com.  
 with stores at Albany. It is given  
 here in bank payment for such furnished  
 at New York &c. for the balance of  
 which he receives a permit to withdraw  
 386 bales overland to Mexico.

Very Resp  
 J. W. Henderson  
 Secy

Grand July 20/64

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the application of the 1st of July 1864, for the purpose of obtaining a license to practice as a physician in the State of New York. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours, very truly,  
J. M. [Signature]



Cotton Bureau Texas  
Austin July 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

*Opium*

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I shall meantime you will proceed to arrange  
 with the Office, and examine into the Condition  
 of the Cotton already received. Ascertaining  
 what are necessary to secure the required quantity,  
 whether Cotton can be obtained in the vicinity to  
 which the Cotton is sent, or in case of want,  
 what other facilities within your power it will  
 be to command. You will report the results of  
 these investigations, with such suggestions and  
 your observations, very truly,  
 Yours,

Shipping Agents and Insure will be forwarded  
 showing point & such other facilities will be  
 afforded to you as to promote the accomplishment  
 of the work with which you are charged

*T. C. Johnson*  
*C. S.*  
*Orange Co. Va.*

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully,  
Your Obedt. Servant

William B. Jones Esq. San Diego  
 Houston July 20. 1864  
 J. B. Jones Esq. San Diego  
 Ad. Geo. Lawrence

I have the honor to enclose the communication  
 of J. B. P. Jones with enclosures which  
 I need not bring to your attention - I do  
 not wish to take time to discuss - will  
 not need much in number - they must  
 now be designated as they have to be selected  
 with reference to their capacity to do the  
 work.

Mr. Rice informs me that he has orders to  
 turn over all negroes to the Engineer Dept. - &  
 he cannot instruct his agent to receive the  
 negroes for Mr. Jones until an order is  
 issued from Mr. Rice, Ad. Geo. to that effect.

The description list can be furnished as  
 soon as the negroes are received - In the  
 meantime it will not be necessary to bring  
 the negroes to Houston, as this labor is  
 required in Arizona Territory.

Very respectfully

Wm. B. Jones

Ad. Geo. Lawrence

San Diego

on July 20. 1864



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 20 1864

Major L. C. Remondelle  
Gasterville

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 12th inst. As the cotton purchased for Major Hart is now in your location, it is very necessary it should be saved to Govt. and you will please collect all such and forward it (through the County agents) to Texasola and identify for shipment to me at Houston. In order that I may give proper receipts to the officers entitled to it, please take pains to designate all such cotton when shipped, and have me notified of the shipment. This way I may identify the cotton on arrival.

Some of this cotton was purchased through my agency for Major Hart, last year, and transportation was engaged for it, but the parties would not stick to the contracts for hauling on.

When parties merchandise their seed cotton, let the surplus be subject to Government, on the ground of evasion -

Very respectfully,

Genl. S. C. Shell

Genl. S. C. Shell Capt. A.





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Cotton Bureau

Trans reef with

Houston. 20 Aug 1862

At Rhein. Tex.

For I have the honor to inform you that upon the delivery of all the machinery referred to in our previous correspondence. We will turn you over 4000 Bales of Cotton in payment therefor. With the right to re-possess the same. You are aware that at the present time the United States has no cotton in the district of which we have mentioned. but this difficulty can be overcome as proposed by yourself. By the purchase on the part of the Bureau of 4000 Bales of your own cotton at 25¢ per lb. the length of piece. I am prepared to give. Said cotton will be transferred to you with the right of re-possessing.

Very Respectfully

W. H. Brundwell  
L. L. L.

Your transportation engaged in repacking the  
Bales Cotton shall be rendered from  
W. H. B.



✓  
 Cotton Bureau  
 Capt. E. H. Bunker, Judge of the  
 Court

✓  
 You will proceed to bring  
 a sufficient quantity of clothing, including  
 of the Cotton Bureau under the charge  
 of Messrs. Smith & Moore Contractors  
 an offer has already been put over  
 for the purchase with whom you  
 will arrange a. Bureau of the  
 Cotton. In the Contractors book 2.  
 pages, shall be inserted one of  
 which you shall check. The  
 Bureau and all other assistance you  
 shall be furnished by Messrs. Smith  
 & Moore. The pay roll will be furnished  
 from here. Very truly  
 yours

W. H. Bunker  
 to Bureau  
 to the Cotton Bureau

Capt. R. R. R.  
 Houston, Texas  
 22/2/00

I have the honor to acknowledge  
your letter of this date. I understand  
of its contents. I perceive the  
true character of the character of destruction  
given to you for the procurement of  
Hopton. I enclose a copy of my letter to  
Lord Cardigan. But that there  
is not present, my understanding is  
that at one time he gave directions to  
his agents in the Prov. Bank to pay  
all the State cotton and that under these  
instructions large quantities of cotton  
were reported with the property of the  
State. Which influences Lord Cardigan  
to direct his agents to attempt no  
discovery, but to allow the whole  
to pass the evidence in favor of  
the State but to allow the whole  
to pass the evidence of the Court & the  
Court to direct action as might be  
taken by the military authorities.  
I enclose a copy of my letter to  
inform you that it is my business  
to stay with the cause, and no, which  
to my mind properly emanates from  
the High Court of Justice.



Proclamation Office.  
~~Proclamation~~ Dec 22 1864

Colonel.

Having been shown Governor Venable's letter to you in relation to orders & correspondence on the subject of State Plan Cotton, and your letter in reply to mine I would respectfully state, in the absence of Col. Guthrie, that no orders were issued by the Cotton Office other than as stated by you -

The verbal instructions to the Agents on the Rio Grande were to pass all State Cotton when certified as state property by the State Agent.

Having been informed that the Cotton thus passed was to a considerable extent private Cotton Col. Guthrie directed his Agents to leave the whole question to the Military Authorities, and to pass no judgment upon for or against the State Plan Cotton. His Agents on the Rio Grande were relieved from any action in the premises by the publication of the Regulations for Overland Commerce - I may also be permitted to state that Col. G., nor any of his Agents have even interposed any obstacle in the way of the Governor and his Plan, in any other way than by representing to mine, verbally & in writing, the ill effects of his operations upon those objects for which the Cotton Office was created.

Yr. Col. H. S. Bondurant  
 Col. Cotton Bureau.

Very respectfully,  
 J. Bondurant  
 Co. U. S. A.  
 in duty as Cotton Bureau

1. Quartermaster's Office

San Francisco, July 22, 1864

1. Quartermaster's Office

Post Sullivan.

Sir

This will be handed you by Mr. P. Clark  
introduced here in a letter from a 15th regt  
of guards & to send to our Quartermaster's Office  
your letter in two trips a the same day  
or transportation. You will please, write  
him that the Cotton from the 15th regt is  
forwarded to the 15th regt at our address &  
send me a copy of bill of lading, & the  
same receipt.

In purchasing under the 2nd Paragraph of the  
Circular & under the Planter's name or name you  
they are willing to take drafts on the S. H. Planter,  
the amount. The drafts on the S. H. Planter  
be paid until funds are placed in his hands  
and it will take some time for me to do this &  
the specie has to be raised from the funds.  
If they expect to receive the money soon are  
presentations, I would prefer that all purchases be  
made under the 1st Paragraph.

Very respectfully  
Yours truly  
J. C. Wells  
Capt & Lt.





Quartermaster's Office  
 Fort Jackson, July 21st 1864

H. R. Hildreth

Dear Sir,  
 In answer to your letter of the 19th inst. in reference to the purchase of some  
 of the articles of the Quartermaster's Office, I have the honor to inform you that  
 the same have been forwarded to you by the express of the 20th inst.

You can have the goods for your own use, or you can have them for the use of the  
 hospital, as you may think proper. If you wish to have them for the use of the  
 hospital, please to send me a receipt from the Surgeon General's Office, and I will  
 forward them to you accordingly.

In regard to the matter of the purchase of the goods, I have the honor to inform you that  
 the same have been forwarded to you by the express of the 20th inst. and you can have them  
 for your own use, or you can have them for the use of the hospital, as you may think proper.  
 If you wish to have them for the use of the hospital, please to send me a receipt from the  
 Surgeon General's Office, and I will forward them to you accordingly.

Very truly, your obedient servant,

Wm. H. Hildreth

Quartermaster



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*Quartermaster's Office  
Sanctos July 22. 1861.*

*Capt. A. S. Stephens,  
the Surgeon*

*Capt. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 16<sup>th</sup> inst. addressed to Lieut. Broadhead. Bagg & Rope may be furnished to the Master to the extent required not exceeding, however, his whole cargo. Payment to be made out of the Conf. money portion of the payment for the Cotton sold to West, when then one half or the whole is purchased. It is intended that the specie portion when paid shall be intact and subject to no deduction for Bagg & Rope or for Repairs. All such charges are to be taken out of the C. & E. money portion.*

*In all purchases under Paragraph 2. it should be understood by the master that a specie draft is offered. If they expect to get the specie from me on demand they can only be disappointed, as I must have time to bring the funds from the Rio Grande. Mr. Dorsey cannot pay drafts until thus placed in funds. Mr. Perkins will pay drafts upon presentation or even after. If the master cannot cash as this far I would prefer all purchases be made under Paragraph 2.*

*I sent Mr. Garrison a copy of Lieut. Broadhead's authority as derived from Lieut. Broadhead. The note of 2<sup>d</sup> was returned him in consequence of the large amount of available transportation at his disposal. If he can secure the teams on terms satisfactory to the teamsters, that is his own matter, but it was not intended that he should see the paper to the detriment of any other person who is willing to haul upon our published rates. I write mine to day as per enclosed copy.*

*Very respectfully,  
Quartermaster  
A. S. Stephens*

Countess of ...  
London July 22nd 1811

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that your letter of the 19th inst. has been received and that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours obedient servant,  
J. C. ...

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours obedient servant,  
J. C. ...

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours obedient servant,  
J. C. ...

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours obedient servant,  
J. C. ...

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours obedient servant,  
J. C. ...



My dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the ...

Sir,

of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the ...

There has been some discussion ...

... parties ...

... will be ...

Yours very truly,  
 Wm. L. ...

Sanctus Mather Office  
 Quebec July 25, 1844

Wm. Land Agt  
 Sir

Yours of the 21st is received. I regret  
 that the money in your hands is now low  
 and that you cannot do as much as possible.  
 I have every disposition to accommodate the per-  
 sons at that point with the exception of  
 those who are not in the regular line of  
 business. I am a regular officer of the  
 government and I cannot  
 devote my time to other matters.  
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 at your service.

If the matter can not be viewed in the  
 light of the law, it is better to leave it alone.  
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 at your service.

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 at your service.

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 at your service.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 at your service.



J. S. Redd & Co.  
Baltimore

Sir

Yours of the 10th inst. has been received, and the detail asked for, and put in, and when I saw it, I was very much surprised to find it out of a list. The regulars are in the detail of a man out of the list, and I believe I should like to have the list, and I have in his hands a copy, but under the circumstances, all surrounding him, it is not possible.

I sent you by the company a small package of stationery & a copy of the list for all your use.

Very respectfully

Yr. Obedt. Servant

Wm. B. Wells

Left N. A. G. M.

Best Room Over the Door  
 The J. McHenry Esq. Houston July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864  
 Agent Austin

Sir  
 Your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst enclosing 10 bales of  
 121 of Bales Cotton to E. M. Green & Co. shipped to  
 the address of H. M. Perkins & Sons, has been  
 received and B/L forwarded.

Very respectfully Yours S<sup>r</sup>

E. L. Bell  
 Captain & Co. L. M.

Best Room Over the Door  
 Houston July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

H. M. Perkins Esq.  
 Agent City of London

Sir  
 Enclosed find 10 bales of Cotton marked as  
 shipped by The J. McHenry Esq. for use of Messrs E. M.  
 Green & Co. (weighing 7500)

Respectfully Yours S<sup>r</sup>

E. L. Bell  
 Captain & Co. L. M.

P.S. At your earliest convenience please forward me  
 the weight & classification of a Lot Cotton  
 shipped you a few days ago viz

Lot 93 Bales } B. J. McKim  
 } E. M. Green  
 } E. L. Martin

Lot 44 } B. J. McKim } H. M. Perkins & Sons

to enable me to send you Invoice & Receipt



Quartermaster's Office  
 Houston July 12 1864

Col. J. A. Sears,  
 The Range, Texas.  
 Dear Sir,

I have the honor to call your attention to the fact that your efforts to procure transportation in Fayette County, under the authority derived from Col. Broadwell, is creating dissatisfaction among the owners of teams there who desire to engage directly, for their own benefit, in the service. While I am thankful for your efforts in this behalf, I am no less conscious that the opposition to us must be harmonized as far as possible and I must request you to cease operations in Fayette County & confine yourself to the other districts designated by me in the order of Col. Broadwell's letter.

It seems that the rate of 2¢ a day is not sufficient to induce you, whether for mule or extensive supplies in the course of the transportation that you are depending upon their labor and they are not willing to admit that anyone has a right to do so. I would respectfully suggest to you that your arrangements with the teamsters should be of a nature satisfactory to them, as otherwise they undoubtedly have a right to avail themselves of the proposal in the printed circular & procure direct contracts for the Government at the rate of 2¢ a day. I am, Sir, Sir,

Very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant  
 C. E. Hall  
 Quartermaster.

Quartermaster's Office,

Houston, July 22, 1864

Major S. C. Thomas

Chief Quartermaster Service Station Texas

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. and the reason for the delay in making service is afforded to the and employed by them. The object being to secure the transportation of troops from in specified months to the month of the first of August.

The Quartermaster's Service Station has been represented to me that it has left with good reason to the other parties in which also the service under the same name as last night to a end, making the same number of all other persons in the field, and which is a common one.

It will be seen from the above that the service is not as in the case of a first time. The approval of the Quartermaster's Service Station, a copy of which I have since sent you.

If the Quartermaster Service Station is not as in the case of a first time, a copy of which I have since sent you.

Very respectfully,  
J. C. Thomas



Quartermaster's Office.  
Houston July 22. 1864.

✓  
A. C. Trer Eng. Co.  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir,  
I am in receipt of your favor of 20<sup>th</sup> inst.  
in relation to appointment of S. D. D. Trer -  
Harrison County is attached to Capt. Lynch's district  
and there is no vacancy at present where  
anyone's services could be made available.

Very respectfully,  
Yours obt. servt.  
J. C. Wells  
Capt. D. G. H.

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston, July 22. 1864

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H. D. S. Danner's Co. H.  
West of the Houston,

Sir,  
I have the honor to receive the detail of  
Private H. D. Danner to the 8<sup>th</sup> (Alabama)  
Regt. Infantry - for service as an Agent of  
the Cotton Bureau in Texas & Texas -  
Please direct him to report for duty to Capt.  
J. D. Lynch at Gonzales, Texas.

Very respectfully,  
Yours obt. servt.  
J. C. Wells  
Capt. D. G. H.

Dear Mother & Sister  
Hanson July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1884

W. L. Abbott Esq  
Millerton

[illegible]

*E. G. Webb*  
Capt & Comdr, 1st



Master's Office  
Houston July 22. 1864

A. B. Taylor  
Springfield

Sir, yours of the 10th inst. has been received. An agent has already been sent for the counties of Freestone and Harrison. And if you have not purchased all the cotton in Freestone county, it will be added to the district in Freestone county. I will designate a new district for you as soon as a vacancy occurs. At present every district is full. The forms you require will be forwarded you at Springfield.

Respectfully,  
J. S. Holt

Co. D. 1st Regt.  
16th Mass

Quarter Master Office  
Houston July 21st 1864

✓  
W. L. Sartwell Esq.  
Baker's Point

Sir

Yours of the 20th inst. addressed to Mr. Graham,  
has been received. In regard to detaching Elias  
Gordon and L. W. Peterson, if Mr. G. is willing to  
I will state that the quartermaster's office  
is not to be a man to be detailed for every  
small detail of cotton. If more cotton  
is desired from each point for the purpose of  
fifty bales of cotton I will have them detailed  
as soon as possible. If the quartermaster's office  
requires a number of transports and there are none  
to have them detailed. At present we only have  
cotton to be sent to the point, and the rates paid for  
transportation are 2 cents per lb. for 100 miles  
for each barrel or 2 cents for 100 lbs. payable  
in specie

Very Respectfully

W. L. Sartwell

C. G. Hall

Sept 8 1864





✓  
 Quartermaster's Office  
 Houston July 24/62  
 Jas White Esq Cpt  
 Audencia, Tex.

Sir, The amount of Bagg & Rope which has been in

Cotton

only given him Bagg & Rope for the 30  
 Bales sold, and have left him to supply  
 himself with Bagg & Rope for his own  
 Cotton now unbled. This was  
 done of course under a misunderstanding  
 of the instructions, and you will please  
 make the matter right with Mr. Donnelly  
 by giving him another Bagg & Rope for  
 his own 30 Bales. - Taking his Receipt  
 for the amount delivered -

Very respectfully  
 J. H. Love

Capt. Ragsdale.



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*L. S. Mill*

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the ...  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours, &c.

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Yours, &c.

C. G. ...  
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Quarter Masters Office  
London July 25. 1844

John R. Lewis  
Secret Home

Sir: Yours of the 17th inst has  
been received, I am glad to hear that you  
are returned home, and are ready to proceed with  
your duties. I should have  
expected you to have made it possible some  
arrangement with a neighbouring planter to do it  
for you. I should be happy to see you speak  
of the use of government account. I think it  
can without a reasonable doubt be returned  
in sixty days.

I can not ~~write~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~able~~ <sup>be</sup> to detail  
much any one, not having tonight or so. All  
details must be made. I am, from this office

Very Respectfully

Yr. Obedt Servant

C. G. Lewis  
Capt & Co. 1st





Quartermaster's Office,  
Hambur July 22 '64.

Col. V. Fortane Esq  
Hartie.

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 17<sup>th</sup>  
last & note contents -

The sole cause of delay in getting an  
exemption has been the neglect of Mr. Ward  
at Parkers Bluff, to issue the necessary  
receipt to you or send it to Col. Hatchins -  
If he has given it to you you should have  
sent it there, - if he has not given it to you  
the neglect is his fault, and is serious as causing  
you so much trouble -

I have written to Major Gillet at San Antonio  
such a letter as will cause him to issue the  
permit - He will send it to Mr. Sanders  
at Laredo, & I trust in time to save you  
any further trouble -

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. Wells

Col. G. Wells

Capt. R. A. G. H.

Mr. J. Bartlett  
Alamo

Quartermasters' Office.  
Houston, July 22. 1864.

Sir,

It appears that A. Mr. G. V. Fortune, now at Austin, Dallas County, turned over to an Agent of the Texas Cavalry Office at Fort Worth, Anderson County, 49 Bales Cotton, expecting to receive an exemption from Col. Hatching for an equal quantity.

Mr. Ward, the Agent, has neglected to send the necessary receipt, upon which only an exemption could be issued, and the Fortunes own 49 Bales are now somewhere between San Antonio and Eagle Pass without a permit.

We have Mr. Ward's letter acknowledging the receipt of the Cotton, & have written him to send the usual receipt. If you feel authorized to issue a permit to Mr. Fortune upon my promise to send you the exemption when issued, you could file this letter in its stead until received.

There is no doubt of the delivery of 49 Bales to Fort Worth as Mr. Ward so states to Col. Hatching.

Mr. Fortune desires you to send the permit to Mr. A. G. Sanders at Laredo, to enable him to pass the Cotton. Mr. Sanders is merely the Agent in charge of Fortunes Cotton.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

G. V. Fortune

Col. Hatching



Quartermasters' Office  
 Quebec May 22. 1864.

Capt. W. H. Kane  
 Halifax.

Capt. -

I am in receipt of your letter of 18th inst. in relation to Mr. Hortons  
 & Co. - I am aware that the whole  
 cause of his trouble has arisen from the  
 receipt of some of the customs agents receipt.

I have written Mr. Hortons a letter  
 such a letter as will cause him to be  
 the permit, and have asked him to send  
 it to London to the Customs as the  
 request.

I trust Mr. Hortons understands that Capt.  
 Hutchins is not to blame in this matter.  
 Mr. Ward has been written to about it and  
 directed to send his receipt book. The  
 exemptions are now aimed against upon the  
 agents receipt & as Mr. Ward sees with  
 one there we had no knowledge that the  
 book came into possession of the Customs  
 until very lately, & were not in such a  
 form as authorized the issue of an  
 exemption -

Very respectfully,  
 Yours obdt. ad.  
 C. G. Wells  
 Capt. & Q. M.

Insurance Marine Office  
Houston July 22, 1854

J. B. Masten Esq  
Depot Agent  
Marine

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. in relation to the case of the *Fortune* and I am very sorry that the whole cause of his trouble has been from a mere neglect to issue a letter of marque.

I am at San Antonio, and a letter or certificate has been issued by the government. I have been in the office of the Secretary of the Navy as far as the *Fortune* is concerned.

I trust Mr. Fortune understands that the *Fortune* is not to blame in this matter, but that the letter was written without it, and directed to the vessel itself. No vessel is ever issued a letter of marque without the knowledge of the government, and the *Fortune* was not in possession of the letter until very lately, and then not in such a form as to authorize the issue of an exemption.

Very Respectfully  
J. B. Masten

Colt & Co.



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Miss Maria Anna Esq  
 100 West 10th St  
 New York City

My dear Miss Anna  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am sure that the authorities will be very anxious to hear from you and will be glad to receive any further information you may be able to furnish. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 J. C. Wells

Enclosed please find a copy of the report of the Committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 J. C. Wells

Very respectfully,  
 J. C. Wells

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Very respectfully,  
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J. J. Mearns  
L. S. Mearns & Co.  
Franklin, Pa.

July 23, 1864

Sir,

Your letter of the 17th inst. is received and the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

According to the report of the committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of Pennsylvania, it is recommended that the same be adopted.

The committee also recommends that the same be adopted with the following amendments:

1. That the word "and" be inserted after the word "or" in the first line of the first section.

2. That the word "and" be inserted after the word "or" in the second line of the first section.

3. That the word "and" be inserted after the word "or" in the third line of the first section.

4. That the word "and" be inserted after the word "or" in the fourth line of the first section.

5. That the word "and" be inserted after the word "or" in the fifth line of the first section.

Very respectfully,  
J. J. Mearns





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 prefer that all purchases over made under paragraph  
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 pound and we can not sell at a 65 price in any  
 case, or make an exception in favor of any one.

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Respectfully Yr. ob. Servant

Capt & Co, 2nd



Quartermaster's Office  
 Houston July 23. 1864

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Quartermaster's Office  
Houston, May 23. 1864.

General:

I have the honor to report that the Agents  
of the Cotton Bureau in Brazoria County, send  
the names of the following persons as refusing to  
sell Cotton upon the terms proposed - viz:

In charge of	Owned by
John Adriaance, Comanche,	95 - Mr. Shafter - absent.
A. Henderson	11 - in litigation.
Henderson & Brown	35 - Mr. Bell - absent.
Mr. Hadden	40 - in litigation
J. E. Wilson	40 -

Your orders require that enclosures and be  
reported to you in order that you may cause the  
improvement of the road, and designate and  
direct to perform that duty under the Act.  
Local Producers of cotton, that this Cotton be sent  
to Houston and be consigned to the Cotton  
Bureau -

Very respectfully  
Your obedient  
servant

Wm. G. Hall  
Capt & Agt.

Wm. G. Hall  
Capt & Agt.  
Chief of Staff, etc.  
Houston.

Quartermasters' Office.  
Houston July 28. 1864.

Major A. A. Hildie  
San Antonio.

Major, I have the honor to enclose to you your proposed publication explanatory of the rules of your office - submitted by you to Col Broadwell - his endorsement, and the recommendation of Genl Slaughter designate Capt J. D. Lynch as a proper Officer to place in charge of your permits at Gonzales to accommodate parties transporting horses by the lower road.

I would respectfully suggest to you that such an arrangement is important in saving time & trouble to the parties who hold exemptions - Most of the bottom will go to Laredo - possibly to Roma, Comargo or still lower down and measures should be taken to prevent the necessity of visiting San Antonio - a point far removed from the line of travel involving the loss of three days & adding to the expense of the trip.

Capt. Lynch is an old Officer of the U. S. Army - highly thought of at Dept. Hd. Qrs. and in his own neighborhood, where he has been acting under the direction of Col Hatchins since December 1863 - You may rest assured your confidence would not be misplaced and you may repose it in him with safety - Your instructions, fairly & plainly given, would secure a prompt obedience on his part, and you could rely upon his strict interpretation of your orders -



As it is proper you should consider this matter  
 Carl Broadwell desires it returned to you, and  
 suggests that you publish it in San Antonio,  
 and send a printed copy here for republication.

Some irregular cases occur, arising under  
 the administration of the Texas Eastern Office,  
 which, as they appear, I will refer to you with  
 such explanation of the cause of irregularity as  
 I know to be true - based upon the statements  
 of Agents.

I yesterday wrote you in relation  
 to Fortunes' card, and today I refer to you  
 two claims of Leape and Boarden amounting  
 to \$44 B/Cotton - These papers will be presented  
 you by them - In Mr. Fortunes' case  
 you will please send the permit to Laredo,  
 as desired by Mr. Fortune.

Very respectfully  
 Your obt. servt -  
 C. E. Wells  
 Capt & Agt.

Office  
Houston July 23

Lt. R. J. Samuels, Asst. Adj.  
Hd Qrs

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of  
private J. F. M. M. of Capt. J. A. Sullivan's  
pany, 2nd & 3rd Regiments of Cavalry, for services  
in the bottom business in the transportation of  
government cotton.

Very respectfully,  
J. W. Wells

J. W. Wells

Quartermaster's Office

Houston July 23. 1864

Wm. Caspwood & Co.  
San Antonio.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 18th inst.  
addressed to Col. Hatchins, in relation to the  
certificates of exemption issued by Mr. C. C. Heame.

I have endorsed them to Major Willie in such  
form as will enable him to issue his permit  
upon them.

They should, however, have been  
referred to Col. Hatchins, by you before you en-  
deavored to export Cotton upon them, as he has  
had no information of their existence previously &  
you run a great risk of meeting with more  
trouble than you have had.

Very respectfully,  
J. W. Wells



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 23. 1864

Capt W. B. Lee 1st Lt.

Bremmick,

Capt.

Please furnish Capt Schneider all the assistance in your power, to enable him to make quick work with the Government road at Orange. He will exhibit to you his authority from Col. Broadmead. Messrs Moore & Smoker will furnish the negro labor to do the work, but there may be other requirements in order to secure despatch, which may be out of their power to supply. and you are requested to do the needful in such event.

You will please keep the two Steam Boats employed in transporting the Cotton from Orange as fast as it is put in order, & will forward the same in as large quantities as possible by each train to Houston.

Very respectfully  
Your obedient servant  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & 1st Lt.

San Antonio, Tex.  
 Houston July 22/64

John H. Burdett  
 Victoria

Dear Sir: Yours of 18th inst.  
 with accompanying report for week ending July 16/64  
 has been read. Enclosed find exemption and certified account  
 favor of H. W. Burke, Smithers for 45 bales of  
 cotton. I am not infirm you definitely at  
 what time ~~you~~ can be furnished with bagging and  
 rope but it will be sent you at as early date  
 as possible. It is my intention to furnish your  
 district from San Antonio  
 Bagging will be supplied at 50% per yard and  
 rope at 10 cents per foot.

Very respectfully  
 J. H. Burdett  
 (Sd) J. H. Burdett



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 28. 1864

Mr. Huletton Esq or  
J. C. Baldwin Esq 3 A/c -  
Cincinnati

Sir.

Mr. Chapin has 32 Bales at Eagle Lake, one half of which he wishes to turn over to Govt. You will please receive it from him and give him the customary receipt. Since the repairs in yard of Bagg 1st of Rope, as I am informed the Cotton is not in good order -

In dividing this odd number of Bales try to make the pounds as nearly equal as possible. If this cannot be done with justice to both Mr. C. & the Govt. divide only 32 Bales, leaving one Bale for future disposition or tell Mr. C. to procure another Bale to make the number even

Very respectfully  
J. C. Webb  
Capt V. A. G. B.

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 Cotton Bureau

Trans. Sept 20th 1864  
 Houston July 20th 1864

My friend, please  
 I. B. Henderson  
 to the

last day has shown a magnificent  
 and I hope has inspired me. I  
 try to inform you that in my  
 opinion it is best the policy of the Bureau to be  
 as liberal as possible to those who have  
 faithfully & laboriously served it, I understand  
 very perfectly to refer your matters to such  
 Board for settlement. to be perfectly satisfactory.  
 but if an error I am mistaken. I shall cheer-  
 fully abide the decision of 3 gentlemen. who  
 may be selected for the purpose. as to the Com-  
 mission that shall be allowed you. provided  
 you go ahead put the Cotton in good order,  
 and carry out the Contract in good faith as  
 far as it can be done, I prefer that  
 the Cotton should be put in good order  
 at once. & I will endeavor to provide the  
 stock for this purpose and any other situation  
 I can render. but if you abandon your  
 business in its present situation you will  
 be a burden to me. and I desire you  
 to be of any consideration from the Bureau

Very Respy

Yr. ob. servt  
 J. W. A. Broadwell  
 Sec. Genl



Mr. J. B. Le...

Trans. info Sept 1854  
Houston July 24 1854

Mr. J. B. Le...

Dear Sir,

I have the honor  
to be that Mrs. J. B. Le...  
are furnished with  
the necessary house  
and other assistance to repair  
in good order the store  
of Corn Cotton at  
Harrisburg. You will do me  
much favor to take charge  
of this matter personally &  
under what help you can.  
If necessary, I will be  
as an indispensable  
to the protection of the  
in this matter. I should  
further remove at once  
continually improve it.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

Quartermaster's Office,  
San Antonio, Texas, 25. 1864

H. Rosenberg Esq  
Engle Pass.

Sir,

I have come to the conclusion that the exemption for the 180 lbs shipped you, by Mr. Stone, June 20th last - The Hotel will give this permit and mail it to you at Engle Pass.

I thought this had already been done until I examined the record this morning - but I feel confident that the measures I intend to take to secure the speedy clearance of the Cotton, will cause you no further delay - or annoyance.

I submit your account

1	36 Bales	Albino	at 206 lb	12	2.556.18
2	24	Good Body	at 196	12	4.704.00
3	24	Low Body	at 196	12	4.704.00
4	0	Woolly	at 196	12	63.00
Total Bales			28.680 lb		14.032.60

I trust the balance of the Cotton to be paid you will be at once granted. I have now in better working order. I will acquire Cotton in good low prices and sell it to the Government.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant

E. F. Wells  
August 25th, 1864.



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 20. 1864

Major,

I have the honor to enclose an exemption for H. Rosenberg, for 25 Bales Cotton, which you will please cancel and issue your permit to cover the Cotton, which will pass through San Antonio in a few days - The Cotton was shipped from Breckhaus by Mr. B. Stone the Deputy Agent of the Texas Cotton Office on June 24<sup>th</sup>, and I find upon examination of the record that no exemption was ever given to protect the Cotton - To avoid any delay caused by my neglect to furnish the exemption at the proper time I must request you to send by mail or some safe hand, to Mr. Rosenberg at Eagle Pass, your permit to pass the same, through the Custom House there - I write Mr. R. today that I have sent the exemption direct to you, so that he may give himself no further uneasiness on the subject -

Very respectfully

Your obs. servt

Do. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.

Wm. A. Yellie  
San Antonio  
Texas

Cotton Bureau

James M. Smith

Waverley 24<sup>th</sup> July 1892

My friend Roger Rogers.

Dear Sir,

I have considered all the affairs presented by you in various interviews.

Local authorities agreed to pay you 100 cents in the dollar for your claim of about \$25,000 certified to by my Rhett, after deducting the value of 500 Bales of cotton delivered you at Abbeville Arkansas at schedule rates. I promise you my best exertions to have this debt paid, for which steps have already been taken.

The permits for 2000 Bales I regard as justice to you. The amount you have received and are to receive exclusive of them, is as much as can properly be given you in justice to other creditors who have received nothing.

Information was received here that you were holding these permits. The Council decided that if such was the case he would revoke them. You admit that such was the case.

They are therefore cancelled. I have no authority to recover them, even if I were disposed to. The Law & regulations govern my action. I cannot authorize the expenditure of Cotton except it has been agreed upon by the Council, or the Council has agreed a like quantity.

My friend Willis & does not wish under my orders.



the issue of permits, and will never  
 consent to the exportation of cotton except  
 in accordance with the last law & regulation  
 under it. I wish those to be considered  
 permanent, and you & all others to  
 conform thereto. In conclusion I beg  
 to renew my offer of yesterday, that  
 you shall sell to the Government our self grown  
 cotton, acquire the right to export a  
 like quantity, and all the cotton thus ac-  
 quired by the Government shall be given you in  
 prompt payment of your claims at its specie  
 value. In addition I will agree to deliver  
 you as rapidly as it can be acquired enough  
 cotton to satisfy any and all claims you  
 hold against the Government. If you yourself  
 cannot agree upon the quantity, I will  
 abide the decision of disinterested gentlemen  
 to be selected in the usual manner, as to  
 the quantity of cotton you are entitled to.  
 I, Govt, only ask you to accept this time,  
 but to sustain the action of such further in  
 annulling <sup>the</sup> permits system, and if consistent  
 with your ideas of propriety I request also  
 that you discontinue any attempt to impute my  
 refusal as an offense by circulating insinuations  
 (which have no foundation) derogatory to my character.

Very Respy

Yrs af fact  
 W. H. Broadwell  
 to Govt

I am clearly of the opinion that your parents' claims not be discussed. I regret that you have already been allowed to use them to the extent as I understand of 1800 bales.

The practical effect of such parents is to deprive the South of available Cotton at points where it is needed for the supply of the country.

Large quantities of Cotton, which moves through the Country as South Cotton, and which left it expected to be delivered to his agent, was sold to outside parties who bought parents, & reported it under them. The operations of your firm have disaffected the people, & damaged the whole Cotton trade of the State. I am personally apprehensive of great suffering in the country, and unpleasant consequences to the country here, to abort which I think it right to inform you of as early as all other individuals of any thing they have.

I admit that you reach out a strong case, but there are two sides to every question. In this matter I have endeavored to consider your rights as though I occupied your position, and to act as the representative of true faith, in such manner as would not reflect upon the purity or justice of true fraternal character. It is not only right but a public duty that the South should have one self the Cotton of the Country. I have never recommended



Cotton Bureau Exp. ...  
Houston, Tex 24 1866

Major Chas Russell,  
San Antonio.

Major This will be handed you by the S. I. League of this office who is designated as the party who will receive the right draft for \$1000. from Mr. Edwards as to - Houston for the money and bring it to Houston -

We will have you keep the Official Receipt for the amount, which was transmitted to Mr. Perkins to serve as his voucher -

Please furnish the League with such assistance in your power as will expedite the transfer of the service funds to Houston. Your acquaintance in Mexico may be applied to facilitate Mr. League in getting the Service funds to the Country above the River. You will please instruct Mr. League how to proceed, and give him such letters as will afford him the assistance he may require -

Very respectfully,

Yours at service -  
W. H. Brundage  
As Genl



Capt. J. C. Swickard  
 San Antonio  
 Houston Tex 20. 7. 71

Capt.

This will be handed you in Mr. J. C. Swickard at this Office who goes to Houston for \$50.000 Specie funds. On his return he will transfer to you 10.000 for which you will give him an official receipt in favor of Capt. J. C. Swickard. The balance will be brought to Houston.

You will furnish Mr. Swickard with the Specie funds necessary to defray his expenses to and from Houston, taking his memorandum receipts, and on his return he will certify the necessary vouchers which you will prepare to cover the expenditures.

Very respectfully  
 W. A. Broadwell  
 Secy.



Colin Bruce Reid J.H.

Магистр. № 34 1862

J. S. League Esq

Present -

Li

You will proceed to San Antonio without delay - present the letters accrediting you to Major Russell & Capt Guiney. I receive from Maj Russell Mr Edmunds draft of \$100,000 on Mexico, - give him Capt Wells official receipts for the same - receive such instructions and letters from him as will facilitate the procurement of the money in Mexico & its transfer to this side the Rio Grande.

Capt. Truitt will supply you with the specie funds necessary to defray your expenses to & from Monterey, for which you will give him your receipt, and on your return to San Antonio will execute to him such a voucher as he may require & take up your receipt -

You will be careful to keep the object of your mission secret from all persons but those to whom you are accredited. Make your expenses as light as possible, but do not spare expense if necessary to accomplish the safe transit of the funds -

If the road from Eagle Pass to San Antonio is unsafe, you will call upon the commanding

Officer on the Rio Grande for an escort to  
secure the safety of the funds, to San Antonio.

Upon your arrival at San Antonio you  
will pay over to Capt. Ingham \$10.000 -  
taking his official receipt in favor  
of Capt. Wells - You will bring the  
remainder to New Orleans and pay it to  
Capt. Wells.

You are expected to make the journey  
in the shortest time as possible. Such  
facilities as are required to expedite your  
will be furnished by Quartermasters and  
others on the route.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant -

W. A. Brundwell  
Lt Col

Quartermasters are requested to furnish  
transportation to Mr. League, to and  
from the Rio Grande.

W. A. Brundwell  
Lt Col



Quartermaster's Office

London July 26 1846

Major J. S. Haughton  
Gateshead

Sir,

Yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. concerning the  
military supplies for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Divs. has  
been received. In answer to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and 3<sup>rd</sup> papers forwarded in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Divs.  
and the 4<sup>th</sup> as well as the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Divs.

Yours faithfully  
J. S. Haughton

I have the  
pleasure to inform  
you that the  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Divs.  
are now in the  
possession of the  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Divs.

Yours faithfully  
J. S. Haughton

200 ...  
... 21. 11. 1864

✓

Mr. William ...  
Brighton

3 p.m.

✓

... of the ...  
... of the ...  
... of the ...  
... of the ...

My ...  
...

(exp.) ...  
...



no value office  
 Hamilton July 20 1891

Major L. B. Brownlee

Major

Major

Yours of 12th inst. has been received.  
 The regulations governing this office require  
 that all employees should have  
 a certificate of employment from the  
 office in the case of a transfer to the line  
 of the Rail Road. We think it proper  
 to lay down the rule that all employees  
 as to the amount of pay they should  
 receive before it is paid. We think  
 it is at this time.

L. B. Brownlee

in regard to waiting time. We have not  
 had any cases of this kind. The rule is  
 that the regulations of advising them to wait  
 off an old case. This would not interfere  
 with the production of a case to an extent that  
 would be at all injurious.

L. B. Brownlee

Postmaster's Office

London July 25, 1844

J. S. Hedder Act  
Narcotica

Sir.

Yours of the 21st inst. received. I am sorry to hear of the loss of 30 boxes of the same. The quantity of bagging and rope furnished on the B/L of 12 boxes of the same is as follows:— I have made application for the detail of the materials as requested and will forward it as soon as obtained. The bagging and rope furnished for the same is settled for at the rate of 25<sup>cts</sup> per yd for one, and 20<sup>cts</sup> per lb for the other. These are the standard prices of this office for such materials.

Very respectfully,  
Wm. L. Smith

C. G. Webb  
Clerk



Quartermaster Office  
Houston July 25. 1864

J. J. Willis Agt  
Montgomery  
Sir:

Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst requesting written authority to furnish planters with bagging and rope has been received.

You are authorized to furnish planters with bagging and rope for their whole crop of cotton in seed at the rate of 60<sup>cts</sup> per yard for one, and 60<sup>cts</sup> per lb for the other. The price to be deducted from the balt sold in the government.

Very Respectfully,  
J. J. Willis

C. E. Kelly  
Capt 1<sup>st</sup> Regt

Quartermaster Office  
Hartford July 25, 1864

Major Wm P. Baughman

Gonzales  
Major

Yours of the 20th inst has been recd. We are glad to hear of the favorable condition of things in Dist 24 23 & 24. It is more convenient to furnish both regts with bagging and rope from Sam Houston and I will supply them from that point as soon as practicable. I am sorry that you find it necessary to apply the "New Confederate Restriction" in any instance and hope the application of the Army will have the desired salutary effects.

Yours respectfully  
J. G. Wells

C. G. Wells

Quartermaster

Wm P. Baughman

Gonzales

Wm P. Baughman  
Gonzales  
Major



Charlemagne's Office.  
Houston July 25. 1864

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Mr. J. A. Rice.  
Capt. John Duncan

Sir, Mr. Jesse Sulcher of Fort Bend Co. Tex. has  
five negroes employed in hauling ~~freight~~ <sup>freight</sup>  
Cotton to San Antonio. I have ~~received~~ <sup>received</sup>  
to request from you a detail or ~~protection~~ <sup>protection</sup>  
for them exempting them from interference, and  
giving Mr. Sulcher credit for that number ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup>  
quota. Their names are -

Lewyer - Andrew - John - Willie & Sam -

Please send the detail to me to enable  
me to get a record of the negroes -

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Wells

Co. G. 1st Regt.

Cap. & Adj. Gen.

San Antonio office  
Houston July 25. 1864

Major L. B. Rountree  
Texas City

Major, Yours of the 21st inst has been received.  
I have forwarded Col. Robinson agent at Moscow,  
a supply of blanks and bills of lading.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Wells

Co. G. 1st Regt.  
Capt. & Adj. Gen.

Quartermaster office 376  
Houston July 25. 1864

Col. J. B. Robinson, Agt.  
Mexico

Sir

A package of blanks, including a lot of  
bills of lading have been sent for you to be  
sent at Liberty.

Very respectfully  
Yr. obt. Servt.

L. G. Wells  
Capt & A. G. M.

Quartermaster office  
Houston July 25. 1864

S. D. Foote Agt.  
Wharton

Sir

Yours of the 21st inst concerning ship report  
has been received. John Hootston agent at Alley-  
town has been instructed to furnish you with  
bagging and rope as your application for  
the same.

Very respectfully  
Yr. obt. Servt.

L. G. Wells  
Capt & A. G. M.



Quartermaster's Office.  
Houston, July 25. 1864.

J. S. Cooke Esq. At-  
New York, Tex.

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 21<sup>st</sup> inst. and contents. It is not intended that any of the Cotton Bureau shall act directly in making improvement - I find that the routine of reporting cards for improvement through Genl. Slaughter is tedious & causes delay & I would suggest that you correspond with Capt. B. Shropshire at La Grange - The schedule of the Improvement Commissioners is 25<sup>th</sup> July for Cotton - I do not know whether the parties are entitled to and appraisement putting a value on it - Capt. S. is guided entirely by the land & will relieve you & this office of all future liability on the score of improvement - I suppose Cotton is to go direct to Mr. Perkins on the Rio Grande - the improving officer directs the shipment - If Mr. Harnes will not work under his detail, as Baker of Books Cotton, please report him as not working under his detail & I will have it annulled - Mr. Harnes detail was given with the understanding that he was to haul from the western portion of gran district to San Antonio - it is only the Cotton can of the Brazos or on the river & I think it is to come to Houston - I can give you 3 bales to sample only for the Cotton you receipt for - say 9 bales - Capt. S. is at San Antonio must receipt for the at 1/2 bale - I doubt whether the exemption will be given - to protect their ob- I believe now can be done - You can Cotton can make value - the the - I am a little afraid - I may be - some of the things in my way - I am

Very respectfully  
Yours  
J. S. Cooke

Quartermaster's Office.  
Houston, July 25. 1864

Capt J. C. Smith,  
San Antonio, Texas

Capt -

I have the honor of acknowledge receipt of your  
parcels of 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> hls, & the contents - Col Broadwell  
has already signified his approbation of your arrangement  
acquiring for the present use of the Govt the 3/4 & 1/2  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> -

I return you the inv. & Receipt of 8 hls of Maj  
Barnfield, 1st - Col Watkins, being relieved  
entirely of the Cotton business of the Bureau will not  
sign the Receipts - My district does not extend to San  
Antonio, & I cannot receive for the Cotton - As  
I understand the new organization, it was intended that  
you should receive to me & others for all Govt Cotton  
reaching you - It is forwarded to the Rio Grande  
the Port of ...  
understanding I send the papers back to you or your  
agent -

I am very much obliged to you for the  
upon this understanding - I would suggest  
also send you Cotton ...  
to the Govt ... I would suggest  
the Cotton as received send me or others name ...  
agent of ...

Yours truly  
C. G. Webb  
Capt & Lt.



Quartermasters' Office.  
 Augusta, July 25. 1864

S. A. Miller Esq. Jr.  
 Crockett,

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 20th Inst & note contents -

I wrote you some days ago that the Govt wanted furnish Dagg & Duff for the whole crop, taking pay out of the half sold to Govt.

The improvement price of 25¢ per lb will be paid in C.S. notes - no exception given for a like quantity of Cotton -

It is considered that the right to export 1/2 of the Cotton is worth more to the Planter or Cotton holder than the difference in price or even than the Specie payment - hence when the Cotton is improved, or Specie is paid for any portion - no right to export can be acquired.

When you buy Cotton in the seed & take a contract, you are to keep one copy & send one to me - when the Cotton is delivered you are to give the Receipt upon which a settlement is made here - the old contract can then be cancelled, but as it will be necessary to keep it on file for future reference it cannot be given up - The Govt will not claim a second delivery -

If you feel that you are not able to class the Cotton you might engage some one to do it for you - the marks are -

Ordinary ☒ Good only ☒ Low Midd ☒ Middling ☒ Good Midd -

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Wells

The Master charges for the cotton must be on the Cotton and it will be to the credit of the cotton.

Quartermasters' Office  
Havre, 25. July 1864

Dear Mr. [unclear]  
Richmond

Sir -

As requested by Mr. [unclear] I enclose  
you the exemption for [unclear] and your  
wagons and teams employed in carrying [unclear]  
Cotton -

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. servt  
L. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt.

Quartermasters' Office.

Havre July 25. 1864

Capt N. B. Lee Agt.  
Beaumont

Capt -

There will be turned over to you from the  
Gun Boat 'J. H. Bell' about 300 lbs of Cotton in  
bad order - Please give your men's receipts  
for the same, and turn them over to Capt Schmitt  
to be repaired or rebaled - The merchantable  
Cotton I will receipt for - the unmerchantable  
Cotton will be turned back to the Boat & your  
receipt be taken up -

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. servt  
L. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt.



Quartermaster's Office.  
Houston July 25. 1864

Capt. H. C. Irvine, Adj. G.  
Navine Department re  
Houston.

Capt. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. addressed to Capt. Schriebe - relative to transfer of Gun Boat Cotton at Beaumont -

Capt. H. B. Lee A. G. H. at Beaumont will give memorandum Receipts for the Cotton as delivered - The Cotton will be put in good order - the merchantable Cotton receipted for by me, and the remainder turned back to the Navine Dept. - The unmerchantable

Cotton when rebaled will make good amount for Gun Boat & can be retained by your Dept without the form of additional Invoice & Receipt being complied with.

Very respectfully  
Your obt. servt  
C. C. Phelps  
Capt. V. A. G. H.

San Antonio office  
Houston July 25. 1864

A. B. Fuller Esq  
Springfield

Sir

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst has been received. The negroes you wrote about belonging to Mr. Sprad, on the employ of Mr. Mitchell sub contractor under Messrs. Bonds, Reggs & Walker can be obtained and returned to their owner. You can inform Mr. Sprad that he can take his negroes. That Mr. Mitchell from his position as sub contractor under Messrs. B. & W. has no authority to impud negroes. If an order is required for the delivery of the negroes it will be furnished.

Very respectfully  
Yr. obt. Servant

L. G. Webb  
Capt & A. G. M.



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Quartermaster's Office  
Hambro July 28<sup>th</sup> 1861 ✓

Capt. H. C. Wilson  
Fairfield.

Sir. I am in receipt of your favor of 15<sup>th</sup> inst. from Independence, just this day on its way to me. I regret it did not reach me earlier. Not having any word from you or Judge Barber, the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. of General's appointment was appointed a few days ago, I will probably be in the discharge of his duties before this reaches you. I am sorry you could not determine to accept when you were here -

Very respectfully  
Yours etc  
C. S. Kelly

From the Office  
of the Secretary of the  
Board of Education

Wednesday Feb. 2nd

James M. Smith

[illegible]

1. The first thing  
 2. The first thing

to Dreams

4 Pine Bush Bayliff	120 yds
1 Rail Cotton Rope	111 yds

Very Respectfully  
C. C. Wells  
Ralph + D. J. [illegible]

C. G. Wells

Boyle & Dyson

The number of  
 specimens collected

Prof. H. E. Williams  
Winfield

I am in receipt of your letter of 10th inst. from  
 Baltimore, with the copy of the copy to me.  
 I regret it did not reach me earlier. The letter  
 was from you a long time. The letter  
 of Baltimore was forwarded a few days  
 ago, but I shall probably be in the discharge of his  
 duties before this reaches you. I am sorry  
 you could not determine to accept when you were  
 there.

Dear Mr. [unclear]  
 I have just received  
 your letter of the 10th  
 and am glad to hear  
 that you are well.  
 I am also well and  
 hope this finds you  
 the same.  
 I have not much news  
 to write at present.  
 I am, Sir, very  
 respectfully,  
 Yours,  
 [unclear]



Quartermaster Office

London June 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Mr. J. A. Kinney, Esq.

Genl. Election



Four boxes of the 20<sup>th</sup> regt. including B. & C. Co. for the following  
 Genl. Election. shipped to the 100<sup>th</sup> Regt. Co. London  
 have been received and B. & C. forwarded

Box No. ... 16 Bales

Mr. Marshall ... 112

Mr. Marshall ... 112

and 100 Bales

Very respectfully, Yours at service

G. H. Wells

Quartermaster

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Very respectfully, Yours at service

G. H. Wells

Quartermaster

Quartermaster's Office,

Houston, July 25. 1864

General,

I have the honor to state that Mr. E. E. Hays of Grimes County, who is applying, again through the Labor Bureau, for the release of his negroes now retained by Govt. in excess of his quota, informs me that it is not possible for him to deliver the Cotton he has sold to Govt unless the negroes are released. If in your opinion this request for their discharge is well founded, I would respectfully ask that it be complied with. It would ensure the rapid delivery of 150 Bbls Cotton to Govt. which otherwise cannot be gained by any means for months in any reasonable time.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

C. C. Shell

Capt & Agt.

on duty in Cotton Bureau

Wm. L. Slaughter

Capt of Staff

West Sep 10 1864

Houston.



Quartermasters' Office,  
Haverton, July 25. 1864

H. B. Rhodes Esq,  
Columbus,

Sir,

I am in receipt of four favorably 22<sup>nd</sup> inch  
addressed to Col. Hatchins - the matter  
of which you complain is very easily explained  
in the first instructions to Agents they were told  
that the price of Bagging & Rope would be uniform -  
and 40¢ was the price fixed - They proceeded  
to work on that basis, but a few days later the  
price was reduced to 30¢. & they were notified  
of it. It was not considered necessary to rework  
all the contracts made before the reduction, as  
when the settlement is made here the reduced rate  
only is charged. It is unfortunate if this  
little matter is causing an unfavorable feeling  
in your country - If it continues to be spoken of  
I shall be obliged to you if you will take the  
trouble to make the explanation - Only  
the 30¢ paid or to be charged in any  
settlement made with this Office -

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

W. C. Webb

Capt R. A. G. M.

Quartermasters' Office  
Houston July 25. 1864

J. S. Vetter Esq. At  
Nacatoche,

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 23<sup>rd</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Aug. As you are an excellent hand at classing & weighing, we never relax or remove your lot. Hence when you ship Cotton to us we always want to know what lot it belongs to, so that we may turn it over at once. It is better not to break a lot, unless you can give us the weights, scales marks at time of shipment. I will send you Bills Lading - also Receipts to take for Bagg & Rope - these latter you should send to me as they are my vouchers.

Your draft has not yet been presented.

Dr. Haugh cannot buy exemptions at \$400 per Bale specie. They can only be obtained by the transfer to East of Alabama of equal quantity & quality. God the present I want all Cotton to come to Nacatoche, but if the General can employ him on Cotton West of Nacatoche he will haul to Bales for good, he cannot get the detail.

Mr. White or Mr. Hooper may want transportation. So may Mr. Miller at Crockett. You might ask them.

Very respectfully,  
Yours obt. servt.  
A. C. Wells  
Capt. A. G. H.



Houston July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1864  
 Capt. W. B. Clark.  
 Dear Sir -

Please find the enclosed  
 Estimate. approved at length the 2<sup>nd</sup> of  
 July. I hope you will send to  
 have the money paid to the  
 credit of the various officers  
 in the respective States. With the  
 various disbursements.

If the funds for transportation funds  
 can be obtained. Give \$200,000 each  
 to the credit of the various  
 and. One hundred thousand. Please  
 Convince me that I am right  
 in saying you look at the fact that  
 is for the & similar accounts. which  
 may be called for.

The bank requires a great  
 deal. When it calls upon you to  
 furnish the debt with military stores.  
 for the foreign indebtedness. and with  
 leave. money on suitable terms.

I intend to do all that I can. The money  
 from the late cotton. Give back

W. B. Clark

Houston. 26<sup>th</sup> July 1864

Colonel.

In obedience to a dispatch  
I have on the first hand  
for Alexandria... I try to inform  
you that the late order from the  
Warren of Comptroller will define  
the Texas affairs of some of its  
agents whose names are at-  
taching indispensible.

Please inform me which can  
be done to remedy this matter.

As the matter now stands I have  
nothing but my own losses & that  
of a few other gentlemen, to furnish

Receipts for the Texas trip.

...if nothing better can be done, do  
me the favor to Commission us bonded  
agents. 2 or 3 men. upon the

application of L. S. Col. Hutchinson.

in Capt. L. S. Mills, I do not

know the men but am satisfied.

Neither of the above named officers

will make any improper demands.

Very Respy  
J. J. Anderson  
W. A. Brundynell



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 26. 1864.

General.

I have the honor to state that Mr. L. Cannon the Agent of the Cotton Bureau, State of Washington County, reports Mr. Brewer of Independence, owning 500 Bales Cotton, as unwilling to sell to Govt under the proposals he is authorized to make.

I would respectfully recommend that you make an order directing the Quartermasters at Pensacola & Havana to make improvements of Cotton when requested to do so by Mr. Cannon. Such authority will enable him to make an immediate application of the improvement Act when circumstances require it.

Mr Cannon reports Brewer as saying 'he does not intend to let the Govt have his Cotton - he will burn it first' - evidence that the case requires early and prompt action.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. serv

La. C. Wells

Capt & A. S. B.

on duty in Cotton Bureau

To

Genl. H. H. H.

Genl. H. H. H.

✓  
Dear Sir,

Capt. G. H. ...  
Captain,

In accordance with the di-  
rections of the ...  
you will ...  
to ...  
the ...  
by ...  
...

Very respectfully  
Yours  
W. H. ...  
...



Leatton Rumour  
 Yours very truly  
 Houston 26<sup>th</sup> July 1846  
 Capt J. D. Sawyer.  
 Capt

In answer of the reception of your letter of yesterday. Some discussion occurred between Commodore Smith & myself relative to the subject referred to by you.

I express as I feel Rumour deserve to be interpreted of this character. It is related - A number have recently been started one under the management of Mr. B. H. Smith for which nearly £70,000. has been subscribed. Upon investigation I find that no authority is vested in me to purchase any interest in vessels for use of the Com. but if this were not the case. Such action would contravene the instructions of his Excy. to use all the resources in my power to the procurement of every surplus, and payment of such debts involving the good faith of the Com.

I confess very frankly to the regretting that I am not only personally embarrassed but very much alarmed on the score of surplus. The difficulties

in the way of which we also the King  
 of the foreign indebtedness of nearly  
 million of Dollars in gold appears  
 thrust upon me for immediate solution  
 . . . When I meet after I meet  
 preceding me has failed - with the  
 full of cotton, an abundance of money before  
 it has lost its value, is it reasonable  
 for me to anticipate future, under a very  
 different state of things, with no money  
 very little cotton. The people demoralized  
 & unwilling to surround one self of what is  
 left - slowly irritated by military imprisonment  
 & profoundly disgusted with the former system  
 of exporting cotton. I had hoped & truly  
 to have seen further that some assistance could  
 be rendered here later, in time to reach his  
 demands without inconvenience as the  
 period is uncertain. I enclose now an  
 order on Capt Mills to deliver the fine  
 South cotton - although for the same reason  
 I cannot endorse the application of money to this  
 purpose when our debts are unpaid & the way  
 is unobstructed. I hope however to struggle  
 against all these difficulties & ultimately



to be able to meet the demands of the region  
and magazines. which I beg to assure you  
will ever afford me sincere pleasure,

Very Respy

Yours truly  
W. H. Broadwell  
L. Cal.

Continuation of  
Gordon's history of the  
C. & N. R. Co.  
L. Cal.

Mr.

Enclose the detail for J. J. Whitman. Put  
him at work where you can see him best -

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Broadwell

J. C. G. Wells

Capt. & Co.





The marks are to Ordinary to Low Middling to Good Middling -  
to Good Body to Good Middling

No man can be detained to sail less than 40 Bales of  
Good Cotton - He cannot agree to transport the  
Planters state for him - but if transportation is so plenty  
that we cannot load in, you can give them as well as the  
privilege of using the transportation at Govt. rates.

The list of Cotton you send me as sold to other parties  
falls equally under the rule of the Bureau - except that  
purchased from Henry Sampson & Co is the Insurance Agent.  
All the Balance must be sold to you on the terms in the  
circulation or you will call upon the inspecting Officer to  
inspect it. Your Invoice calls for 40 Bales of Cotton  
of course up - The 40 Bales purchased from Henry Sampson & Co  
will probably be turned over to this Office - You will therefore  
take no measures with it.

The Cotton said to be  
subscribed to the Home Manufacturing Co. is not exempt - I  
am told by one of the merchants that the Cotton is not long  
taken out for the benefit of the Factory - You will call  
the attention of the inspecting Officer to the fact when  
he calls on you. Major R. H. Smith at Texas  
is the nearest Office to you - Call on him when  
you want to make examples -

The Party you refer to as paying 18¢ for the is Capt  
J. J. McKinney of Austin - It can be explained in  
this way - Mr McKinney had a contract with  
the old Inspection Office to procure & transport  
to the Rio Grande Free Cotton in order to supply the

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means of paying the amounts due in Mexico on the settlement of the difficulty there last winter - He was authorized to pay the schedule prices of the Office, or pay 25% for the old currency - also to help the parties in the exportation of their goods - When the Bureau was reorganized Mr. McKim's arrangement had to be confirmed, as a matter of good faith to the old organization - I do not think it makes much difference - His arrangement will come out - He pays 25% for the old currency only - the parties pay for their own transportation and their own duties -

Your instructions allow you to give double prices in new currency for Cotton already Baled - and an exception for the other goods - If the Govt promises to pay 25% for the old currency, let them have it at specie cost & take pay out of the "Cashed" money - We protect the exportation of their own goods - Now I submit to you which proposition is more to their interest - the old or the new - It is immaterial to me which they accept, as both come to the benefit of the Govt, & go through the same channel -

This long letter will give you a basis on which to make explanations when questions are asked you - Our new plan is working well - My only trouble is the misunderstanding as regards the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the Circular - The Bureau claims the option of paying in a draft on Mexico - but I find that the parties wish to have the money paid down here -

Very truly,  
Yours old col  
C. C. Wells  
Capt Kagab.



Quartermaster's Office,  
Australia July 26. 1864.

Capt S. H. Drake,

Commandant Camp Meer-

Capt.

I have the honor to request the detail of  
Sergeant H. H. Driver, for service in the Central  
District in Transporting Government Cotton. He  
informs me that he has been recommended for  
light duty.

Please order him to report to me for  
assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
Oscar A. Webb  
Co. E. 1st Regt  
Capt Webb

Quartermasters' Office,

Hanover, July 26. 1864

Alexander Cannon Esq, Capt,  
Country

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Independence & note contents.

I am now getting an order for your frame Quilt  
Slaughter, which will enable you to call upon &  
obtain the services of the Co. at Breunhaus or  
Karsbach whenever you want improvements made -  
Breunhaus should be just through without delay & I  
will send you the order by tomorrow's mail if  
received in time.

If a party offers you less than for his Cotton buy it with  
the understanding that the surplus which he hides  
is subject to confiscation. When you discover there  
is a surplus it will be confiscated & the mill land  
and the rights he might secure by a sale -

The quantity & more works Cotton is not exempt unless  
specifically exempted by Gen Smith - The arrangements with  
the State will not protect such Cotton - Take them down  
the permits, or apply the rules -

A contract made with you will not pass the Cotton  
Trade in Antonio. Only an exemption from this  
Office will be respected by H. J. Walker - Parties who have  
sold you the Cotton must show your receipt here before  
they can export the Cotton, &c. - I note what you say about  
Cottoning - It has been reported here before -

Very respectfully yours  
Wm. H. Wells  
Capt & Co. 18.



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 26. 1864

A. T. John Esq. Capt.  
Richmond.

Sir,

When Bagging & Rope is furnished by Govt. it may be for the whole crop, whether the whole or only one half is sold to Govt. - Payment to be deducted from the Confed. money portion of the amount of value of the Cotton - Price 60 ¢. per gal. or lb.

When the Party furnishes Cotton already Baled in Bag & Rope, he is entitled to double Schedule rates according to quality. But when a specie payment is made, only single rates are allowed -

When the whole payment is made in U. S. notes an exemption for a like quantity will be given. But when any portion is paid in specie, no exemption will be given -

The above rules apply equally to Merchants and Planters - Their uniform application is the only way to ensure satisfaction -

I write you this at the request of Mr. A. Hayburne -

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. serv.  
C. G. Hall  
Capt & T. G. B.

Wheaton Run

From Miss [unclear]

Wheaton Run  
Chapin Hill.

Dear Sir,

You have enclosed an order  
from A. R. [unclear] for 100 [unclear]  
[unclear] - which he gives him in  
order to [unclear] in [unclear] for a  
large quantity. The Dr. [unclear] [unclear]  
to [unclear] you one half of his [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] the presentation of your [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] will pay him for the  
[unclear] & furnish the necessary [unclear]  
[unclear] will be due the [unclear]

Very Respy

J. R. [unclear]  
J. R. [unclear]  
[unclear]



Houston Tex July 25 1864  
 Mrs James F. Hamilton will please advise the  
 R R Agent at Chesham, Houston July 25 1864  
 weighing in an average of 470 pounds subject  
 to the laws of General Lawton.

R. F. Hamilton

Cotton. Bureau

James, wife, Dept

Houston 26<sup>th</sup> July 1864

And to B. Nichols.

Friend.

I have been directed by Genl  
 E. Kirby Smith to apply for the  
 Cotton which is to be loaned the Con-  
 federate Government under an arrangement  
 between his Excellency General Sherman and  
 the Dept Commander. Which Cotton  
 I shall thank you to place at the  
 disposal of those in Louisiana Mexico  
 to reach & relieve the immediate military  
 necessities of this Dept.

The Cotton or its value will  
 be returned the State of Texas by  
 the Confederate Government. When  
 required by the Governor or the  
 Confederate Authorities of the State.

Very Respy

Yours faithfully  
 J. H. Brown  
 Secy

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Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the matter of the 2nd of the 21st inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
Wm. H. Smith

Wm. H. Smith  
New York, July 24th 1855

Wm. H. Smith  
New York

Sir

I have the day  
before you 88 per cent. 990 per  
10 per cent. 1129 per  
per per cent. 1129 per  
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Quartermasters Office  
Houston July 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

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Thos. J. Masterman Esq. Agt.

Prognia

Sir,

Yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst has been received.  
Bagging & rope will be shipped upon arrival  
as it can be obtained. I am glad to hear  
you are progressing so energetically.

Very Respectfully  
Yr. obt. Servt.

Quartermasters Office  
Houston July 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

E. L. New Esq. Agt.  
Oakland

Sir:

Yours of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst has been recd. The  
regulations governing this office require that  
at least one man and team be for every forty  
hides transported, shall be detailed.

When Agents wish a detail  
made for teams, they may make an application in  
writing stating the reason why the detail is  
needed and accompanied by a description of the  
and I will make the applications for the  
detail.

Very Respectfully Yr. obt. Servt.

Capt. J. A. Moore



Quartermaster's office  
Houma July 28, 1864

D. H. Armour Esq  
Columbia

Sir

Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst by Capt Broadwell,  
has been received. We pay freight for transpor-  
ting government cotton, at the rate of 2 cents  
per pound, per 100 miles for mules teams,  
or 1 1/2 cents per pound for ox teams. The  
party who contracts to haul must furnish  
his own drivers. We only at present forward  
cotton to San Antonio. Our agent there  
Capt J. C. Swickell will pay freight on recep-  
tion of government produce.

Very Respectfully  
Yr. obt Servt

Capt V. A. Moore

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have the honor to request the details of the following named parties:

1. Mr. Robert 37 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Black eyes Black hair Black complexion, native of Alabama, resided in Texas County.

Mr. Darns

40 yrs. 5 ft 9 in. Blue eyes, Auburn hair Fair complexion, native of Tennessee, resided in Texas County.

Mr. B. Sawyer

40 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Black eyes, Black hair Black complexion, native of Tennessee, resided in Texas County.

Mr. H. Gammelt

47 yrs. 5 ft 8 in. Gray eyes, Black hair Black complexion, native of Wisconsin, resided in Texas County.

Mr. J. Nichols

42 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Gray eyes, Gray hair Fair complexion, native of Alabama, resided in Texas County.

Mr. W. May

40 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Blue eyes, Gray hair Fair complexion, native of Georgia, resided in Texas County.

(Signed)



**W. A. Anderson**

49 yrs old, grey hair, light eyes, fair complexion, native of Tennessee.

**John H. Anderson**

49 yrs old, grey hair, light eyes, fair complexion, native of Tennessee.

**J. H. Anderson**

Enrolled in Travis County

49 yrs old, grey hair, light eyes, fair complexion, native of Tennessee.

Enrolled in Travis County

**C. H. Anderson**

49 yrs old, grey hair, light eyes, fair complexion, native of Tennessee.

Enrolled in Travis County

**C. H. Anderson**

49 yrs old, grey hair, light eyes, fair complexion, native of Tennessee.

Enrolled in Travis County

**C. H. Anderson**

46 yrs old, grey hair, light eyes, fair complexion, native of Tennessee.

Enrolled in Travis County

**E. G. Palmer**

49 yrs old, grey hair, light eyes, fair complexion, native of Tennessee.

Enrolled in Travis County

**John H. Good**

49 yrs old, grey hair, light eyes, fair complexion, native of Tennessee.

Enrolled in Travis County

Enrolled in Travis County

Enrolled in Travis County

The accounts of these men are necessary in transferring  
 matters for the government and I am informed by the  
 agent of this office at Anson, the necessary  
 and transferring government matters.

Please order them to report to me for assignment to  
 duty.

Respectfully yours  
 J. T. Smith

Sept 10 1864

Master's Office  
 Anson July 20 1864

J. R. J. Samuel's Shop  
 Dist. of Anson

Sir

I have the honor to request the detail  
 enroll J. T. Perkins of Capt. 2nd Anson's  
 company. Private Perkins is a mechanic  
 and his services are necessary to the Government  
 to repair and put in order the cotton gins in  
 the counties of Robertson and Wilcox.

Please order him to report to  
 me for assignment to duty.

Respectfully  
 J. T. Smith

Capt. 2nd Anson



✓ ✓  
 From Bureau American Dept  
 Houston City Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1864  
 Mr J. M. Murray Esq  
 Special Agent. Austin

Sir

✓  
 Your favor of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. was duly received  
 enclosing Bill of Lading of 4 bales for the same  
 was forwarded to Mr Mc Partin Texas.

Others forwarded by L. to Austin

Respectfully Yours &c

W. B. Wells

Per order

By W. B. Wells  
 in charge

Quarantine Office  
 Bristol July 29 1864

Wm. H. Perkins Esq.  
 to S. Agent in London.

Sir

Enclosed please find 10 Letters 10 Boxes containing  
 material for William Perkins and shipped by your address  
 by my Agent John P. McKinney Austin.  
 Please send instructions straight as usual  
 as the material is received

Respectfully  
 J. P. McKinney Esq.  
 by J. P. McKinney Esq.

Quarantine Office  
 Houston July 29 1864

Wm. H. Perkins Esq.  
 Austin

Sir

Yours of 21st inst. covering the 2 & 3 letters  
 10 and 11 I have & have, Joseph Gardner & others  
 and I am glad to hear that you have received and  
 the 8th July from 15 to 20 in Perkins at the end.

Respectfully,  
 Yours O. H. Searles

Wm. H. Perkins



Quartermaster's Office,

Hanover, July 30 1864

Col. Wm. Eagles, S. A. G.  
Hanover.

Sir,

I have the honor to request the detail of Private D. Strauss of Company H, 1st Regt Infantry, 1st Brigade, Walker Division. He is over 40 yrs of age, belonged to the Reserve Coys, 1st Regt, 1st Brigade, 1st Division, and has never joined the Company referred to. He is still in this District, having been under the expectation of obtaining this detail. His services are very necessary to the Agents of the Central Bureau in Park County, and I respectfully request that he be detached and ordered to report to me for assignment to duty.

Respectfully,  
Your obedient servant

Wm. C. Wells

Capt. R. A. B.

on duty in Central Bureau

Quartermaster's office  
Havre July 20. 1864

Mr W. Perkins Esq  
Special Agent  
Laredo

Sir

Enclosed please find bills of lading  
from our special agent at Austin, Tex  
Thos. A. McKinney, as follows J. T. Allen 15 boxes  
cotton. F. Symke 5 boxes, and Joseph Gardner  
& Co. making 30 boxes in full of contract  
with Joseph Gardner of Fayette County and  
bills lading J. W. Holmes for 50 boxes of cotton  
under a J. B. Huffer contract.

Very respectfully  
Yours Obedt Servant

Capt & Co. Tex



Commissioners office  
Houston July 30th 1864

Chas. W. Fisker Esq Agent  
La Grange  
Tex

Yours of the 20th inst concerning report end-  
ing 1st inst, and certificate of "Walker for 30 bales  
under paragraph 1. and 4th Rags for 11 bales  
under paragraph 2 has been received. Enclosed  
I send you certificate of exemption 30 bales  
H. M. Walker, which you can send him,  
as for your check made it to San Antonio  
as requested. I also send you bill for  
Rags 4 Bales. I have receipt the bill in  
book and also get him receipt for the  
ragging as before. I will pay on Monday  
next the above draft in favor of Rags  
to Dallas and give you a bill for the  
balance of the money now on hand.  
I am not drawing any more drafts on the  
bank for the same. I am not as yet  
paying the drafts. I have not as yet  
being the money from the bank  
in the place of the funds he has  
begin again in payment of the drafts

not accept specie drafts on the one hand,  
 pay for at his office on the other hand.  
 Should all purchases be made under  
 paragraph 1. I think this much better for  
 the seller and the government, and will  
 give more satisfaction to all concerned.  
 John W. Watson our agent at Albany  
 has been instructed to provide you with  
 logging and other. I am and transacting  
 all I can do, at any point that needs it.  
 Very respectfully,  
 your old friend

Sept 22, 1890

San Francisco office  
 October 1st 1890

At St John Bay  
 Richmond

Sir

Have you the cabinet has been revised?  
 The subscription for Mr. A. Moore and for all  
 those have been closed to help prevent  
 a loan like this is Richmond known  
 Very respectfully  
 J. W. Watson



Quartermaster's office

Hanston July 26, 1864

Wanderhammery Agt

Bamberg  
Sir:

Enclosed please find special order  
No 200 directed to Capt Byrnes, ordering him  
to inspect the Newbern Cotton I have been ordered  
for several days and on that account the  
other order I wrote you about has not  
been attended to. I will give immediate attention  
to the matter

Very Respectfully  
Yours O. B. Davis

Capt Wasm

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston July 30. 1864.

W. R. Evans,

Sir,

Received to Garrison on Monday  
morn. for the purpose of inspecting the Box  
Boat Cotton now being received and repaired  
by Capt A. P. Lyfkin under directions from  
this Office. It is important that the  
merchantable Cotton should be packed by its  
classification, so it will be no more avail-  
able after the work is done, than it now is  
in its present condition. Capt Lyfkin  
has been instructed on this point, but  
it will be necessary for you to see that  
it is properly done.

On your return you will report the  
dual marks weights of the merchantable Cotton  
also the weight of the damaged Cotton re-  
jected for Box Boat Cotton, as verified  
by your own observation.

Very respectfully,  
Your obt. servt

Quartermasters will please furnish  
the Box Transportation to Lyfkin  
instructions.

As G. Wells  
Capt Lyfkin



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 20. 1864

Colonel,

I have the honor to ask your attention to the enclosed letter to you from Lieut Broadwell in reference to the Agents & other employees of the Cotton Bureau. I need not enlarge upon the necessity for the retention of the services of the men, as it must be apparent that the numerous & particular duties confided to them cannot be properly performed by disabled soldiers. My experience with the latter class has been that their physical disability impairs them for either continued labor outdoors or close confinement in the Office, and unless the Bureau is allowed to retain the men already selected, I fear Gen Smith must be disappointed in a great measure as to the results he looks to the Bureau to produce. The Genl has directed that the men may be retained until Sept 1st but that application be made to Major H. B. Co. for an extension of the time. This application will be prepared and forwarded within a week or two days. In the meantime I would respectfully request from you such an order as will enable me to hold the services of

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 Cotton Revenue  
 From this sale  
 Hancock July 26 1864

✓  
 Major G. M. Walker  
 No. 10

Major.

I have arranged with Govt. Treasurer  
 to deliver him 2000 bales of cotton, at New Orleans  
 your district, and for this purpose, have agreed  
 that all cotton first acquired from the countries  
 of Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa, Ill. Free State  
 and Missouri shall be applied to him.

✓  
 You will therefore at once  
 deliver all cotton first acquired from the countries  
 last named, to the extent of 2000 bales.  
 You are relied upon to see that this cotton  
 is obtained either by improvement <sup>or purchase</sup> and is  
 placed in the possession of Gov. Treasurer, and that  
 no portion of it is devoted until the demand  
 is first disposed of.

The method of its procurement,  
 for the payment of which this cotton is to be applied  
 will appear in the shape of a certificate of payment  
 this certificate of Maj. T. is well set up by assignment  
 at 20 per pound. by the presence of transportation and placing  
 on a ship of the Government. Should any difficulty  
 arise in the way of the cotton being used for the purpose  
 and for all the cotton given to you can be given to you  
 as of the Government and placed in the hands of the  
 (and the Gov. Treasurer)



the following men now detailed in this office,  
Private P. R. Poney - Nevada Cavalry Co.

• H. D. Evans - unassigned conscript -

• J. L. League - do -

• A. Bannerville - Co. D. Arkansas Regt. Infantry -  
(all able bodied)

Private, S. D. Russell - unassigned conscript -

• C. H. Lemon do

• H. L. Macatee do

(all holding surgeons certificates) -

These men are all who are employed in Nevada by Col.  
Ed. Hatch's Surgeon's, in, what has been known as, the  
Texas Legion Office. Their services are absolutely  
necessary - The three first named, cannot be replaced,  
as far as my knowledge extends, in the State -

Col. Broadwell suggests that these men be appointed  
Privates Agents - I would respectfully remark that  
if possible, an appointment as Lieutenants, with an  
assignment to duty here would accomplish the same  
purpose at less expense to Govt. - Mr. Poney should  
be given some rank to enable us to keep him - I  
respectfully ask your attention to this matter, and  
action as will enable us to keep the men -

Col. J. C. Buchanan Adjt. Genl.  
Very respectfully,  
C. J. [Signature]

Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, July 30. 1864

Col. S. B. Robinson, Aft.

Recd.

Sir,

In the performance of your duties as Agent of the Cotton Bureau, you will find cotton on plantations, said to be the property of the Govt. - The only Govt Agents I know of as operating in your District last year were H. Sanderson & Geo. Gordon - Such cotton as has been purchased by them have been in part removed, but some portions still remains in the Country - It belongs to Maj. S. B. Parks' Dept, and now comes in charge of this Bureau. You will take possession of it & forward it to Liberty to be landed at the Aft. time -

I am informed that numerous reputed Govt Agents have been operating in your Dist during last year. It is only fair that the Govt should have the benefit of all purchases made in its name, and you will therefore take charge of all such cotton & forward it to the Land at Liberty.

If receipt one required, you will give them in the name of this Bureau, for "Govt Cotton" - purchased by ~~the~~ Aft.



Very respectfully,  
C. B. Waller,  
Capt & Aft.



Master-machinist Office  
Hanson July 22 1864

J. H. Cunningham Esq  
Port Sullivan

Sir

Yours of the 20th inst has been received,  
I have made the application as regulated toward  
of J. Perkins to send the pieces in your outfit  
and if granted will forward the same to you. I  
doubt however if the application is granted as the  
regulations prevent the detail of men and of the  
district in which their command is stationed. I  
and your day mail let you receive and  
the plates. In shipping either the 1st or 2nd  
box only send one to me here and one to the  
agent point of delivery, and for one to your  
machines. The instructions for marking cables  
as follows:  and on setting  
making  and on setting.

Respectfully  
Yours  
J. H. Cunningham

Box 400

Quartermaster's Office  
Havre July 28 1864

Chief Clerk Ag.  
Wheelock

Sir

Yours of the 26th inst asking detail  
of several parties has been received. The  
regulations prevent the detail of any party  
out of the district in which his command  
is station. This is imperative. It is a  
therefore to make the appreciation for the  
detail of the parties you indicate as I  
am informed that the company to which  
all these belong are in Louisiana. Before  
your request details ascertain of the  
commands to which the parties belong  
is in this district.

Very respectfully,  
your obt. Servt

C. G. Wells  
Capt & Quar

A man cannot be detailed  
from this command as in  
fact. A man cannot be  
detailed to hold only 25

'Cotton' - Send me the names of some other men  
in this command in detail. If you wish to carry out the  
200 men agreed on.



Cotton Bureau, Dept. of the Interior,  
Houston, July 30. 1864

General.

The President's Regulations for  
Cotton Commerce are published to day in  
the Houston News - the first publication  
having been made in San Antonio during  
last week.

The effect will prove disastrous to the  
plans of this Bureau and prevent any further  
acquisition of Cotton for Government use,  
unless they can be nullified to some extent  
by your action. You are already deeply  
aware of the vital importance to this Department  
of an early acquisition of Cotton sufficient  
to supply the necessities, and it is useless to  
enlarge upon it here. I will only remark  
that the new plan adopted when you were  
last in Houston is working well and that  
if uninterrupted enough Cotton will be acquired  
to relieve the wants of the army to a great  
extent. I am full of the effect of the publica-  
tion of the President's Regulations. I feel it to be  
my duty, in the absence of Col. Bradwell, to  
urge upon you the necessity of vigorous action

of such a character as will enable us to secure  
for both the use of the Cotton already contracted  
for, and continue our efforts with some hope  
of success. You will, General, pardon  
my freedom in consideration of the interest  
I feel in the success of the Bureau, and  
sincerely trust I shall meet your expectations.

The remedy I would suggest is, that you  
issue an order empowering for use of both  
all the Cotton in the State unless it be  
and forbidding its removal until the Govt  
shall require through the Bureau enough  
Cotton to supply the wants of the army.

This will prevent holders from taking the  
necessary measures for its exportation, by  
complying with the Regulations. If  
you will still say, put the Cotton in  
motion we need not expect to obtain  
any Rate.

The same order should offer to parties who  
sell their Cotton to Govt exemption from  
any measure for its sale returned by them.

This would enable them to comply with the  
Regulations without it, especially in case the  
it will in order to be able to do so early.



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advantage of the opportunity to move their  
Cotton to a market - as the prohibition  
to removal would prevent their taking  
any such measure whatever.

As a matter of good faith to those  
parties who hold our exemptions you should  
confer with Judge May & have him instruct  
the Collectors on the Rio Grande to pass  
all Cotton properly exempted previous to a  
certain date - say 30<sup>th</sup> Augt next. This  
would give us time to close up all the  
old licenses in contracts already entered  
into. Exemptions issuing a later date  
would protect from enforcement only &  
give no right to export, & parties holding  
them must comply with the President's  
Regulations. You are aware that  
we have promised to protect the free  
& unobstructed exportation of all Cotton  
except the one to Mexico, and as far  
as it has been possible to do we have  
done so. If you ever regard your  
law, that it amounts to this in this crisis,  
that unless our army is kept in the field  
during this winter we may not have it.





they have faith in your ability to force  
 the sale of Cotton to Great Britain holders  
 are unwilling to sell. - That the debt  
 be unpaid. - That the new exporters  
 must meet disappointment. - That your  
 policy so far (probably) is discredited  
 because the operation of the President's  
 Regulations prevents the procurement of  
 Cotton by Great Britain. Your appreciation  
 of the true necessity for Cotton among  
 the nations. He must have Cotton.  
 To procure it you must relax all regulations  
 where it is. Say that unless for each lot  
 of Cotton is sold to this Bureau previous  
 to Sept 1st the whole Cotton will be con-  
 signed by Officers who will visit every  
 plantation, warehouse & signers and  
 Cotton not touched by a certificate  
 from the Authorities of this Bureau -  
 if any unsupplied Cotton is remounted  
 previous to such sale it shall be seized  
 and sold. - Do not give them time to  
 comply with the Regulations. If you  
 do the Cotton Bureau can be of no further  
 use in this Department.

We cannot buy Cotton with currency alone.  
 Our antiquity to Mexico makes money scarce  
 & our exports very complete with the  
 fact is the purchase of cotton to such an  
 extent that we could not, even with specie  
 keep pace with them. I believe that no  
 better thing could happen to this Department  
 than to have the Rio Grande trade cut off  
 entirely. If so, the Govt could buy Cotton  
 enough to supply all its wants with goods  
 introduced by sea, and at a saving of 50  
 per cent. - Once & a communication cannot be  
 brought through Mexico. Everything is in  
 favor of the sea importation; not the least  
 consideration being the exclusion from the  
 other market of men with small capital  
 who now absorb one half the cotton. If  
 we could force them all to import by sea we  
 could control the Cotton supply for good and  
 done.

I trust, General, you will take such  
 measures as will protect the Govt & the  
 Department against the evil effects of the  
 regulations - something must be done about it.  
 Yours &c. &c. &c. *Very respectfully*  
 J. S. Smith *John S. Smith*  
 Pittsburgh *Chas. S. Smith*



Quartermaster's office  
Haverton August 2 1864

Lt. Samuel A. A. C.  
Co. 2nd. Regt. Haverton  
Siri:

I have the honor to request the service of  
H. Baldwin, a private in Captain Richardson's  
company, Co. 2nd. Regt. Haverton, for service in  
the Cotton Bureau in the transportation of  
government cotton.

Please order him to report  
to me for duty.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt.

Wm. A. A. C.

Quartermaster Office  
Houston August 1, 1864

330

St. Samuels Artillery  
St. Quarters, District Texas New Mexico West  
Sir.

I have the honor to request the detail of  
Private G. H. Knox, of Captain Maddox's Company  
Artillery Battalion, for the transportation  
of government stores

Please order him to report  
to me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
Your obedt. Servt

Capt & A. J. M.

J. Woolston Esq. Agt.  
Albany

Sir

Yours of the 27 & 29th inst. have been  
received. The detail of Jt. Balmain will be given  
for as requested. More baggage and horses will  
be forwarded to your address as it can be  
obtained. The lot from Stillman's knowledge  
being has been applied to other parties.

Very Respectfully  
Yours & A. J. M.

Quartermaster Office  
Houston July 31, 1864



Manufacture Office  
 Cincinnati August 1, 1899

Wm. H. Ragsdale  
 Agent  
 Cincinnati

Yours of the 27th is herewith forwarded to  
 your Bureau. I do not have any more information  
 relative to the case. Ragsdale and wife with their  
 names as it can be obtained. The matter  
 of making cotton is no longer necessary.  
 The good ordinary. (B) Low middling. (C) Middling. (D)  
 Extra. These cottons are already packed  
 it is not quite so much as before. The  
 middle cottons furnished you were intended to offer  
 in cotton in the case. The value paid for the  
 cotton was \$100.00. For each of the four  
 cottons for each of the four and 1/2 for extra  
 quality. You are up at a point of delivery. The  
 cottons for agents of the Bureau are one  
 hundred dollars per month in the case of our  
 agents. For the other agents.

Respectfully,  
 Wm. H. Ragsdale

Wm. H. Ragsdale

Quaker meeting of friends  
 Haverhill Aug 6 1864

George J. C. Parker  
 Fairfield

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 25th ult has been received  
 and is your having desired the abolition  
 of the Court at Fairfield, and the great interest  
 in the part of Mr. Wilson, Mr. J. H. Stone for many  
 an excellent ally, Messrs. Messrs. Messrs.  
 ago appointed by the Boston Bureau are of  
 the agents at Fairfield. We would have been  
 very much to have engaged your services, but  
 as we believe it would have been to the detriment  
 of the government to have done so, but it is  
 now to late Mr. Stone has gone to his place  
 of duty, your will find him a reliable man  
 and a gentleman.

Very respectfully  
 J. H. Stone

Wm. J. Parker



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Shackmachers Office  
London Aug 8 1864

Wm L. Shackmachers  
London

Yours of the 21st inst. has been received.  
Judge Foster having declined, he  
is not an agent at Fairfield and the  
arrangement on the part of both parties  
was formerly arranged at  
Fairfield, and so a good forward to the  
place of duty. Mr. Stone is a man of  
and ability. I will send him  
and as soon as it can be arranged as  
requested.

Very respectfully  
Yours Wm. Shackmachers

Wm L. Shackmachers Judge Foster  
Sept 4 1864

Mastermason's office  
 Houston Aug 2 1864

Major L. B. Rumble  
 Huntsville

Sir

Yours of the 22nd is at hand. Our  
 former trapping and sale to Mr. Smith is  
 completed as soon as it can be obtained.  
 I will write to our agent at Huntsville  
 in regard to employing supply government  
 wagons in transporting cotton, and see if  
 it can be accomplished. In regard to the agent  
 sent of Mr. Smith agent for Trinity County  
 I know the man whom I believe you refer  
 to and do not think him a suitable person.  
 If you have any particular reasons why  
 you think him a suitable person, and send  
 let us know what they are.

Very Respectfully  
 Yours O. B. East

Capt & A. G. R.



Master's office  
Hudson Aug 1 1894

J. L. Fisher Esq. Agt  
Hudson

Sir,

Yours of the 25th & 26th inst. have come to hand. Will make the application for the return of the E. & H. ship as requested, and if obtained will send the detail to you. Forward all cotton claimed by the old Bureau to H. H. H. and the same by the new organization to me.

Very Respectfully  
Your obt. servant

W. H. H.

C. G. Hall

J. H. H.

They will take all the sugar cane they are now importing from it on the Cotton in the same County.

What is the prospect of paying Richardson the \$5000. now owing out to the E. & H. Co.

Quackenbush's Office,  
Newark Aug 25th.

Capt. A. C. Smith.

San Antonio Tex.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 20th  
Inst. addressed to Col Roswell, who is now absent in  
the - on his return next week I will lay your letter before  
him.

Before sending you the list of the 5000 acres in grant  
of 20th Inst. as received from the State of Missouri  
I wish to report whether it is not a portion of the J. D.  
Harrison's land from Boone County. If so Col. Haskins  
has already assigned for it - as also for 2000 acres at  
J. F. Smith's in Kan. Co. all of which he has ordered  
forward to you at San Antonio. I am aware that  
your agent this date you would have been advised  
that the 5000 acres are for account of the John Brown &  
not the Harrison's. In form of authentic papers  
conveying for some other title we are anxious for  
to send you reply - If the above title has  
reached you it was issued by a man named Mr.

Very respectfully

Quackenbush

G. E. Smith

Aug 25th.



I have the honor to acknowledge  
 the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

which has been  
 taken into

consideration. It is not the policy of  
 the Government to supply itself with  
 large quantities of any one article, but  
 to purchase only what is required for  
 the service. You are permitted to supply  
 the Government with the whole amount of  
 the order at 60¢ per yard for the  
 material for the other, the price to be  
 paid for the material in the Government.

Very respectfully  
 Yours at St. Louis

Wm. B. Ewing  
 Major &c.

San Antonio office  
 Houston August 20th 1864

Dear Sir  
 By the way

Yours of the 20th inst. is at hand.  
 In order to forward it to Mr. J. M. De la  
 at Matamoros, includes the return of my  
 paper

Very respectfully  
 your obedt servant

J. C. Smith

Light of the Bureau A. B. at San Antonio is  
 now in charge of J. C. Smith's services  
 and is now at the City of San Antonio  
 as being to his service. He should  
 report to the Light Bureau to what he  
 may get a proper receipt for it.



Madamam  
 London 20 Oct 1864

Sept 5. 1864

London

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that  
 the following is the result of the  
 examination of the documents  
 which you have been good enough to  
 send me. The documents are  
 all in good order and the  
 information is all correct.

Yours faithfully  
 J. B. Hall

J. B. Hall

Sept 5. 1864

Ordered: as the above is the result of  
 the examination of the documents  
 which you have been good enough to  
 send me. I must, I am sure, you will  
 think there was any intention on my part  
 to give directions to my son-in-law or  
 proceed on the ground of authority. My  
 motive was to ensure uniformity. I have  
 your position gives you the right to  
 carry on such a course as well  
 authorize the other to do so. I am  
 sure it is a matter of course that  
 the other will do so.

Wm. F. Mackenzie Esq  
London

Am. civ

*Houston angustata*

You will be 33<sup>rd</sup> Oct. per Mr. Raymond asking  
 details of several parties in 604<sup>th</sup> Regt. as  
 follows. I can not make the application for the  
 detail until I have learned more of the parties  
 of this company. When application is made  
 in detail of men belonging to any command,  
 I must sign a certificate of the company & Regt. and  
 the command to which they belong must be in  
 the district. When the application is made  
 I must be given a description of the  
 companies to which the parties belong and  
 a person's name. I will make the application  
 and when obtained present it to you.

*Agropyron*

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Figure 1



C. H. P. Carender Agt.  
Lima

Houston Aug 1, 1864

Sir:

Yours of the 29th is at hand. When cotton has been purchased by the government to weight and not delivered until some time in the future the difference in weight between date of purchase and time of delivery falls of course on the government like any other purchaser. This applies to Mr. Christie.

When parties refuse to sell cotton, who have it in their possession, you will send their names to the proper informant officer with the facts of the case, for violation. This applies to all cotton in your District sold by guardians of minors, by administrators, or any other fiduciary character as in any mode whatever. After you have fairly tried and honestly endeavored to purchase the cotton in your district and failed, you are required to report the relevant party with all the facts of each case to the informant officer of your District for his action.

I will furnish you a copy of

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San Francisco Aug 2 1848

Dear Sir, I have not received

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the matter of the

Yours very truly

San Francisco Aug 2 1848

Yours very truly

Yours of the 26th inst. has been received. I am sorry to hear that you are so much troubled with the rheumatism and I hope it will soon be relieved. I have at present no objection to your going to the place you wish to visit and I shall be glad to hear of your success.

Very respectfully  
Your obt. servt

Wm. A. Rorer



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 To the Hon. Secy of the  
 War Dept.

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 I have the honor to  
 acknowledge the receipt of your  
 letter of August 1. 1862

✓  
 You are aware that the  
 cotton trade is a very important  
 one in this country and that  
 the Government has a great  
 interest in it. It is therefore  
 very important that the  
 Government should be able to  
 supply the cotton trade with  
 cotton at a low price.

✓  
 H. C. Wiley

Sept 2. 1862

The best price for Cotton in Argentina is  
 20¢. C. S. makes all necessary provisions - of  
 Smith & Co. to make to avail of your proposals  
 they must move the Cotton into this district, say  
 into Trinity Co. As the Cotton will then be  
 on wagons, you may engage them to haul the  
 Cotton to Toronto, allowing them published  
 rates for the transportation & paying for the Cotton  
 at schedule rates for Trinity Co. only 5¢. but say 5¢  
 less than 0.10 per lb. but say 10¢ -



San Antonio office  
Houston August 1865

Sir,  
I am in receipt of the Frank Eagle  
Almond, Gonzales County  
Arkansas

Your application for license as  
a Justice has been received. You are required  
to the rules of this office to make your  
application through some one of the agents  
of the Bottom Bureau. I have adopted this  
rule as it is the only one by which I can  
indisputably prevent men from being admitted  
for transportation purposes, and not immediately  
employed. The agent for Gonzales County  
of this office is Capt F. J. Lynch of Gonzales.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Servant

W. B. Miller  
Capt & Agent

in domestic office  
Haverton August 11, 1882

William Sanner Esq  
No. 34 Cottage Road  
Sui

Yours of the 28th mit is at hand. I  
have at present no much transposition  
as I am immediately going. I shall be  
in the near future soon and when I do will  
reply for your details.

Respectfully  
yours &c  
G. C. Hall  
Boston

Received  
Haverton Aug 13 1882

Wm Sanner

Enclosed is a letter from the  
British Consulate office. From a letter of the  
Consulate office, we are sorry that we cannot  
give you any more information. I shall be  
glad to hear from you and will answer you  
as soon as I can. I shall be glad to hear from you  
and will answer you as soon as I can.

Respectfully  
yours &c  
G. C. Hall



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Agent Slavery Hter

San Antonio Office  
Houston Aug 1 1854 ✓

Dear Sir

I have the honor to inform that Mr. T. C. Jackson an agent of the Cotton Bureau for Texas & Louisiana, informs that there is 120 bales of cotton in storage in the warehouse of the Texas & Louisiana Cotton Company, belonging to the Texas & Louisiana Cotton Company, and is in charge of a Mr. T. C. Jackson who resides in the town of Austin, Texas, and who states that he has not been authorized to dispose of it, and is not authorized to place of it to the Texas & Louisiana Cotton Company, or in fact, Mr. Jackson reports that the cotton is now, partly belonging to Mr. T. C. Jackson and originally 202 bales, but that 82 bales have been removed, and is now all transferred out of the San Antonio River, and the barge companies are now ready to transport the cotton, amounting 120 bales. I think the case is one that requires the prompt action of our authorities, and request that Capt. W. M. Mackenzie, of the 1st Texas Regiment, stationed at San Antonio, be directed to proceed to the warehouse, and

Yours  
J. L.





I am very much obliged to you for the  
information you have given me  
and for the trouble you have taken  
in writing to me. I am  
very respectfully,  
Yours &c.

Francis Pickens, Esq.  
Secretary of War,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,  
You will please to note the  
accompanying letter to General  
Smith at San Juan and to  
it without delay, furnishing your  
transportation.

You will please to apply to  
the War Office at Dept. of War,  
Washington, the necessity for your  
service. When Smith, who will  
probably advise your del. at once.

On your return you will report  
to Col. B. B. Robinson at Havana for  
duty in everything pertaining to the  
War in his District.

You will not be interfered with  
going to or returning from San Juan.

Very respectfully,  
Yours &c.  
L. G. Wells  
Capt. U.S.A.

General McClellan's Office,  
 Washington Aug 20th 1862  
 Capt. J. B. Jones  
 Major

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 I have in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. and in answer to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. It will be my duty to report to you the result of their action. I am & will be very glad to hear from you again. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 J. B. Jones  
 I have a number of requests for exemption from the service of the Cotton Office, and have never had occasion to object to anything you have done during the seven months you have been acting for the Cotton Office, except the one thing I have mentioned. It is the cancellation of the Cotton Office exemption and the issuance of orders in lieu of the same. This objection arises only from a desire for uniformity of action, and to enable this office to report its exemptions properly. I have that one one of the Officers designated by General Smith in order 40. 24. to purchase or impress Cotton under that order. But, Sir, I am, your



will admit of a great deal of latitude in the  
 amount that you are asking, and I am  
 of this opinion that as a General Committee  
 of the Board in the case of the Board of  
 this is a hard case to the Board. It is almost  
 impossible for all the members to be  
 and should be made known to the Board. It is not  
 quite this in a spirit of controversy and I  
 want you to understand that I am not in any  
 what you have done. I only want to make  
 myself right. I appreciate the peculiar  
 difficulties of parties who sell the property of  
 they are forced to wait until my committee  
 can reach you. I believe something should be  
 done to relieve the necessity of coming here  
 for them. I note that Mr. Hallie  
 does respect your exemptions. I am sure  
 of all the other members of the Board. I  
 suggest that you make hereafter, on the following  
 basis. I have your permits as usual,  
 keeping a record of them. And one this  
 record or list weekly. I will, on receipt  
 of your certificates, send the same certified  
 to the Board. I am sure, as you have  
 already supplied its place. If you

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that I have forwarded your letter to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I think it would be well to mention to you that the receipt of your letter has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I have not yet received any further information from them. I will be glad to keep you advised of any further developments. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. M. Smith

I trust, Captain, that it will be long before your connection with the Cotton Bureau is dissolved. I am sure it will not be through my Agency, where it is. We need the services of every capable man who is willing to go willingly, and you may expect that you will be required as long as the Bureau lasts.

Very respectfully,  
Yours obt. servt.  
J. M. Smith  
Capt. J. M. Smith



General  
 Quartermaster's Office  
 December 29, 1854.

I have pleasure to enclose a copy  
 of my letter of July 24, on the subject of the  
 Quartermaster's Regulations. Having the experience  
 may find it worth your by the way, and  
 feeling the importance of bringing them into  
 the knowledge of some extent, seeing the danger  
 from the evil effects of its publication. I  
 find among other the effect of a copy of the  
 will be directed, and before we need amend  
 unless something is done to place the people  
 into a quiet state, the proposed matter under your  
 own eye.

The Quartermaster's Regulations a number of  
 copies of the same in the is required by the  
 Act in each Army & each and each of the  
 Quartermaster. The other men can be furnished  
 who will give the place as well as of course  
 to the Quartermaster and the other men of course  
 the Quartermaster is the Quartermaster of the  
 whole thing.

A. B. Smith  
 Quartermaster.

Very respectfully  
 Yours truly  
 W. B. Smith

Superintendent of the  
Hudson Bay Co. Office

J. A. B. Graham Esq. Esq.  
Bellevue St. N.Y.  
N.Y.

Enclosed find circular letter  
sent to the Hudson Bay Co. Office. I hope  
the system may be more of a  
benefit to you than it is, and I hope the  
distribution. I will forward you a copy  
and will be as soon as I can obtain a further  
copy. As you are reported to be of the  
Hudson Bay Co. Office, I will be glad to report  
to you for information purposes, and if  
you need more, it can probably be provided  
from this point.

Very respectfully  
J. A. B. Graham

6/10/70



Quartermaster Office  
Huntsburg Aug 20th

Major L. B. Beardslee  
Huntsville

Sir,

Yours of the 15th is at hand and contents noted. I will forward it with some other papers as soon as I can obtain a copy of the report requested. I would very much like to send you a circular regarding the same.

Respectfully  
Yr. Obedt Servant

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Quartermaster Office  
Huntsburg Aug. 18th

W. B. Cady Capt.  
Huntsville

Sir,

Yours of the 15th is at hand. The report requested was on the 1st of inst. I will forward it to you as soon as I can obtain a copy of the report requested.

Very respectfully  
Yr. Obedt Servant

W. B. Cady

Superintendent of the  
Sanctuary Aug 1884

Wm. Reynolds Esq  
Bishop.

Sir  
The game of old 300 is at hand. The  
London Bureau has no jurisdiction over  
this edition which is subject to the action of the  
Hon. Secy. of the Treasury Department  
at Wash. D. C. Let me know the amount of  
copy to be sent and you will be required to  
send it to the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully  
J. H. Bennett

Pauline M. Bennett

London Bureau

Wm. Reynolds Esq  
Bishop.

Sir,

Wm. Reynolds Esq  
Bishop.  
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Very respectfully

J. H. Bennett  
London Bureau



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, Aug 3. 1864

General,

I have the honor to state that one of the most important depots of the Leather Bureau is located at Haco, and large quantities of Leather & supplies are & will be deposited there or pass through that point. In view of the fact that the property suffers considerably in consequence of the depredations of the floating population, Major Davis, the Agent there, requests that some disabled officer be placed in command of the Post with a guard sufficient to protect the property.

He also requests that Capt Record, acting at Haco be instructed by you to render him all the facilities in his power, necessary to the proper & efficient conduct of the leather business of the Post at that point. Capt Record is willing to do so, but desires instructions to that effect from Genl. H. G. -

I respectfully request that you issue the necessary orders to cover the above points. It is important that some protection should be afforded to the property and exposed to more or less risk of being destroyed.

Very respectfully

Your obedient

C. S. Mills

Capt Regt.

High Genl J. E. Blount  
Chf of Staff &c  
Houston

Quartermaster's Office.

Honolulu, Aug 2. 1874.

A. H. P. Commander Eng. Dept.  
Honolulu.

Sir.

I am just informed by Mr. J. J. Thompson that the I. S. Chinese lot of bales was to be delivered in good order & full weight as specified in the order. It seems that there has been some difficulty or delay in the part of Chinese, by which the Govt has been deprived of the use of this Cotton for some months past. Chinese is bound to deliver the full weight & you will please see that he does so. In writing to you and this evening yesterday, I was not aware of the circumstances of the case & thought the difference in weight was only from the length of time the Cotton had been lying since first weighed & delivered.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.

L. C. Wells

Capt & Agt



Mr. John A. G. Richmond

San Francisco, Cal.

Yours of the 20th inst. regarding a matter  
has been received. I have no money  
to devote to this cause as I am immediately  
in this office. If you can give me a check  
or a note for a small amount, I will be  
able to make application for it. I am  
relying upon your representation of my  
case. I will not wish to be in any way  
connected with the employment of any agent of the  
Bureau. I will only be for the cause of the  
Bureau.

Very respectfully  
Yours at St. Louis

Samuel A. G. Richmond

Examination of  
Hansard Aug 2, 1844

Mr. J. Saunders Agent  
Hansard

Left F. J. Lynch the agent of the  
Gangster, under that of Bennett of your  
company because a or description which is  
very well, that that Bennett wished to transfer  
it to the hands of Gangster, namely in account  
of the fact that the property, selling this cotton  
into government, and so know an exact time  
before will be sold, I made so necessary the  
description of the cotton, in order to be sold, in  
any of the other places, I have seen, to the  
fact. Please give this matter your attention  
as the fact, I am sure you will be able to  
find out the location of the cotton

Very respectfully  
your obedient servant

Wm. J. Lynch



Quartermaster Office  
Haverton Aug 21 1864

Capt F. J. Lynch  
Gangorles  
Baldwin

Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> inst are at hand.  
I will write the agent of this office and ascertain  
the description in each of the burnt cotton refuse  
it is requested, and then write you when an answer  
is received, stating all your wish to be informed of.  
In relation to the 12 bales your report as abandoned  
yourself 10-2 and answer not known, I will send to  
the rules of this office authorize the taking pos-  
sion of such cotton, and putting it to same use as  
lost. Report such cotton as taken up on each  
N.

Very Respectfully,  
Your obedient

Capt F. J. Lynch

Marblehead office  
Hunt on Aug 2, 1884

John E. Eg  
Hunt

Game of the 23<sup>rd</sup> is at hand.

I have written as requested  
of J. Mitchell to forward your baggage and  
as soon as he can do so. The 8th. vessel  
of the Kennedy is devoted to a special  
use and cannot be divided.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Serv.

Capt. E. A. Eg

Marblehead office  
Hunt on August 2, 1884

J. E. Mitchell, Esq  
Hunt

Game of the 23<sup>rd</sup> is at hand in regard to  
the 8th. vessel is at hand. The 8th. vessel is  
devoted to a special use and cannot be divided.  
I have forwarded to you as requested.

Very Respectfully  
J. E. Mitchell

Capt. E. A. Eg



St. John's, Nfld.  
August 1st

Dear Sir

One of the great advantages of this  
system is that it is a  
simple and easy way of  
keeping a record of all the  
business of a firm. It is a  
system which can be used by  
anyone, and it is a system  
which can be used in any  
business. It is a system which  
can be used in any business.  
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used in any business. It is a  
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any business. It is a system  
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business. It is a system which  
can be used in any business.

Yours truly  
John A. Smith

John A. Smith

Master of the ship  
Hunting Aug 2 1864

Wm. L. Fairbanks  
Boston

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. and in reply to inform you that your letter has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours very truly,  
Wm. L. Fairbanks

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours very truly,  
Wm. L. Fairbanks

Very respectfully,  
Wm. L. Fairbanks

Wm. L. Fairbanks





*[Illegible handwritten text]*

*[Faint handwritten notes or signatures]*

Don't miss it

young of the salt water hawks. I have half  
of a dozen belonging to Benet & Brown shot in  
New York, and I am in your debt. This office  
has no authority to collect them or compensate for  
any previous efforts, and it is no part of the  
Bureau to look into transactions that were  
consummated before it went into operation.

and give the name of the person  
who is charged with the management of the  
office during and a person who is in charge  
of the business of the office. He is then  
taking charge of the office and you must  
refer to him for instructions.

*Robert M. La Follette*



W. H. White Esq.  
London

Quartermaster General  
Hampden Aug 2, 1864

Sir

Your telegram of the 30th ult is at hand.  
You will permit no cotton bolls in your country  
to be moved from the same, unless the bolls  
owned by the parties be sold to the government  
under the terms offered by this office, unless you  
have some special reason for the contrary.

You will in this matter so  
far as is consistent be necessitated to use a suitable  
discretion.

Very respectfully,  
Your obt. Servt

Wm. A. Ragsdale

Quartermasters' Office,  
Havre, Aug 2. 1864.

Major R. H. Smith,  
Havre.

Major,

I am in receipt of your favor of 24<sup>th</sup> July<sup>th</sup> to Genl Broadwell, who is now in La, but will return in a week -

I enclose you Genl Smith's order relative to detailed men - You can fill up the order at post & retain all the men formerly assigned by Maj. Hunt, without requiring a new detail -

I have applied to Genl Slaughter for an Officer & guard at Havre, also for instructions to Capt Record -

Your action as a District Agent is approved - You will please have everything done which appears to be necessary to the proper efficient conduct of the Quartermasters' business in your District,

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Wells

La. & Wells

Capt & Agent.



Parliamentary Office.

London Aug 2. 1842.



Chandy Chandy Mar,

I have the honor to request the  
 arrival of Comanche & Co. & Co. and to go  
 to the high. They are, among them, many  
 children, by comparison a large number. A  
 number of children. All comrade and  
 to the good that nature is  
 in the world -

Please continue to report to me  
for assignment & pay

Long - 10/10/10



1945

on duty in Baltimore

Quartermaster's office  
Hartford August 3, 1864

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✓  
Col. William D. Bay  
Bromfield

Sir

✓  
Yours of the 20th inst. is recd. Col. Bromfield  
is not here. This office has no authority  
to detain a quarantined prisoner. I am agent  
of the Bureau will take the responsibility of  
releasing your team, no exception will  
be taken with this office.

Respectfully  
your obt. servant

Col. D. A. Bay  
and duty in Connecticut

Quartermaster's office  
Hartford Aug 3, 1864

✓  
Col. D. A. Bay  
Bromfield

Sir

✓  
I have just had an conference with St. Louis  
and a change of Bureau of details. He agrees to grant  
in view of morning and says he is waiting  
for orders and is much increasing. I understand  
and agree to do at the least of sufficient  
importance to get the matter.

Respectfully your obt. servant

Col. D. A. Bay



Quartermaster's Office  
Hudson's Bay Co.

Captain J. M. Drake  
Commanding Camp Green  
Sagadahoc

I have the honor to request the detail  
of Landright W. W. Owen, aged 30 yrs, 5 ft 8 in  
high, Blue eyes, light hair, Fair complexion,  
by occupation a Farmer, married, residing at  
and enclosed by Capt. R. M. Galtfield in  
Sagadahoc.

Please order him to report to my  
Government at duty.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt.

L. G. Kelly

Capt. & Co. of  
Sagadahoc in Hudson's Bay Co.





Quartermaster's Office,

Harvard Aug 2. 1864

Mr. H. Randolph Esq  
Greenham,

Sir,

I am in receipt of yours this morning of  
20th 10th inst. make contents. Cal Broadwell  
is now absent in the.

I do not know how it happened that you failed  
to get the Cattle from Oregon County, except  
that Cal Hutchins had given an order for the  
same Cattle some two months previous, to the  
Agent, Mr. C. C. Heavens. That agent suggested a man named  
Hynes who failed to do anything with it until you  
sent for the Cattle.

The Hudson cannot be described without a description  
list. Is he a soldier - or a conscript, or neither?  
Send me his status or description but I shall send  
the detail. Send me a description of your  
negroes & horses - also of the negroes - names, age,  
height, color. I will have all protected  
by a proper paper.

The 10th inst. I have at Agent at Hudson's office  
Oregon County can give you terms full hands  
if you can come down for the Cattle - It

I am to send back of being seen - receipt of papers  
C. C. Heavens call papers

Proctor Commission Office,  
 Boston, Aug 2. 1864

My S. de. Friend  
 I have with Service St. Aid. Sec.  
 Major.

I have the honor to request the detail  
 of the [illegible] and to give 6 [illegible] [illegible]  
 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]  
 [illegible] of Germany - for service with [illegible]  
 [illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible].  
 Please order him to report to me your  
 assignment to duty.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

Wm. L. Hall  
 Capt. 1st Regt.

W. L. Hall  
 Chaplain General.

Sir,  
 I again have the honor to request  
 that you will place at the disposal of  
 the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]  
 [illegible]. It is [illegible] to be [illegible]  
 to the work at the [illegible] with the  
 facilities we have and can attain by having  
 labor - I trust you will see the necessity  
 of giving us the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]  
 for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Very respectfully

Wm. L. Hall  
 Capt. 1st Regt.



✓

Provisional Office  
Houston Aug 2. 1864.

Wm. Ball, Hitching & Co.  
Houston.

Gentlemen,

I am just in receipt of your favor of this date enquiring whether there will be any difficulty in getting cotton for two or more shipments which parties in Havana proposed to put on between Havana & Galveston.

I take pleasure in stating that this Office is now procuring large quantities of cotton for export to be disbursed at this point in payment of Army supplies introduced by sea. I may safely say that I will be able to give much increasing dispatch provided Sugging & Rapo can be procured in sufficient amounts to hold the cotton now purchased, which is almost entirely engined. You are aware that the country is now destitute of labor material.

Our transportation facilities are not such as will warrant us in saying that the vessels would meet with such dispatch as is obtained at Mobile & Wilmington.

but I may say that the cotton will be  
supplied in time to permit the vessel  
to leave on the same morning of her  
arrival.

I refer you to Mr James Soule  
Collector, for information on the subject  
of cotton for cotton bonds. I suppose  
the Treasury cotton will be used for  
their redemption. The cotton  
controlled by this Office is acquired  
solely for the use of the War Dept.

Very respectfully

Yours at serv

Ch. D. Wells

Capt & Co.



✓  
 Quantenmacher's Office  
 Houston, Aug 2. 1864

✓  
 I thank Exp. Aft-  
 Hampshire

✓  
 Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 28th ult. & the contents. I send you the rights of indemnification of the Chalmers & Young late of Cuba - Young & Dale had already been used before your letter reached me, but I can make the difference good to him at any time - or he may increase his lat to the Dale & consider one half already delivered -

Please try to have Refunding sent me with every shipment. It is the only way I can keep the Cuban freight -

I will write Capt Smithell in regard to Youngs Cotton on the road so as to protect it from interference -

I will apply for John Kane to omit you - There is so much delay in getting details that I am almost discouraged from asking for them -

The Bureau is correct about the Dagg & Roper - I send you some Bill of Sale to care of R.R. & Co. Respected -

Very respectfully  
 From Albert  
 C. C. Smithell  
 Capt. R.R. & Co.

Quartermaster's Office  
 4 June Aug 2 1864

Major J. J. Sargant  
 Ganges

Major.

Yours of the 20th ult. has been received  
 I have taken much interest in the question  
 and to permit cotton belonging in that district  
 to be so reported for the same, until such  
 help has been sent to the government on  
 the terms proposed by this office, please when  
 writing your rounds give the same instructions.  
 To permit in removing cotton is to think of  
 fair ground on which to base an employment.  
 I understand you have seen the proclamation  
 of President Davis in regard to the removal  
 of cotton published in the Galveston News, but  
 I understand it is a case in Louisiana and not  
 in Texas. You will see that should the provision  
 be made to remove it, it is of course in some  
 extent that means a heavy cotton that will  
 be sent to the shipping with plans of this office.  
 I think the proclamation will

Very respectfully,  
 L. E. White  
 Quartermaster



Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Aug 2, 1864

Thos. G. Mackerson Esq  
Brazoria

Sir

Your of 20 days since is at hand.  
A large lot of bagging and rope is now at  
our near Alleytons. It reached San Antonio  
some time back and I have advised of the shipment  
of a part of it. It can be received at all points  
and transportation can be obtained at any  
price as sent to your district as requested.

The prohibition of President  
Davis is intended against the plans of this office  
in the country, particularly in Texas. There are  
being taken to some extent presumed to be

You will proceed in your  
agency on the general instructions you have  
and further advised.

Respectfully

Yr. ob. Servant

C. E. Kelly

Wm. H. H. H.

Quartermasters' Office

Houston Aug 2. 1864

Capt J. C. Smith

San Antonio,

Capt -

Henry H. B. Young & Co. have  
sold to the U. S. of the Office at Houston  
Mr. J. D. Leake, a lot of Cotton now connected  
for San Antonio - When this lot of  
Cotton arrives please divide it with  
them & furnish them with the necessary  
permit through the U. S. Office to enable  
them to export their share -

As the certificates of the old Texas  
Office are no longer used, please give  
them a certified account for the  
bale sold to Govt -

Very respectfully

Wm. H. B. Young

Wm. H. B. Young

Capt J. C. Smith



Quartermaster's office  
Houston Aug 3. 1864

✓  
Lt. R. L. Samuels A. A. G.

4<sup>th</sup> Dist. Texas, New Mexico & Arizona  
S. i.

I have the honor to request the detail of  
Private J. W. Wells of Capt Foster's Company of  
Recruits 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Regiment.

Private Wells was conscripted  
I think three days ago. I applied yesterday for  
his detail for service in the Cotton Bureau to Maj.  
Thomas Commandant of conscripts who reported  
to me that he had already been assigned to  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Regiment and was still at Camp  
Greer and that he had no jurisdiction over him.

Private Wells is an experienced  
waggoner and having always been his occupation  
and his services are important to the Cotton Bureau.

Please order him to report  
to me at your earliest convenience for assignment  
to duty.

Very Respectfully  
Yr obt. Servt.  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & agm  
Per J. J. Leavelle

C.R.

My dear Mr. [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear]

E. D. [unclear]  
[unclear]

My dear

I have shipped you

by to day: Train to East River

5 [unclear] [unclear]

100 [unclear]

25 [unclear] [unclear]

14 " do " 2058

40 " Mexican 3222, 8061. [unclear]

Please forward Receipt for same to the office

Very truly yours

C. E. Wiley

[unclear]



Swedish Consulate

Stockholm

Swedish Consulate

Stockholm

Swedish Consulate

Informing him that we had received  
his letter to Bureau and that he had  
been appointed to the post of Consul General

in the city of Stockholm. We had also  
received from the Swedish Government  
the necessary documents for the appointment.

We had also received from the Swedish  
Government the necessary documents for the  
appointment of the Consul General.

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appointment of the Consul General.

*Mr. [illegible]*  
*City [illegible]*

*Enclosed [illegible]*  
*[illegible]*

I have handed out some [illegible]  
 the statement referred to in yours of [illegible]  
 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]  
 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

*[illegible]*  
*[illegible]*  
*[illegible]*  
*[illegible]*

*Enclosed [illegible]*  
*[illegible]*

*Mr. [illegible]*  
*San Antonio*

stating Col. was in San Antonio  
 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]  
 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]  
 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]  
 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]  
 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

*[illegible]*  
*[illegible]*  
*[illegible]*  
*[illegible]*



Sweden

Swedish currency 1844

J. A. Glas

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J W Speight

James

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the same as before



not to read doct on Saley but on  
Sellers

Further, if this will not suit ~~James~~ then let  
all purchases be made under first paragraph



✓ 301

✓  
Hansen Aug 4/1880 ✓

✓  
L. St. Miller Esq.  
a member

✓  
Yours of the 20th has been received. The  
blanks furnished you if properly filled out will  
show all your units they are decided on, and  
affix this office of all it would be enough  
by filling up the blank following under what para-  
graph the purchase was made & inform  
this office whether you have purchased all or  
any half of the cotton. If you will look at  
the circular letter you will see that  
paragraph 1 relates to cases where the cotton  
is purchased, and paragraph 2 to where it  
is purchased. Now when you fill in the blanks  
preceding the word "paragraph" instead of  
it will show you exactly in which case  
under what paragraph the purchase was made,  
and thus inform us whether you have purchased  
all or half of the cotton. If you will  
review the ~~letter~~ receipt to be signed by your ~~name~~  
below the list of what you will see a blank  
is expressly left to show the name of the buyer.

and respectfully. I imagine copy of the letter  
 and the manuscript is to be returned to you  
 as the same has not arrived of which  
 I am sure you are ignorant of the  
 a... I am sure that there is no doubt  
 as to what you may deem it important for  
 to be... I am sure that you have seen the...  
 of President... concerning the...  
 that I shall say discussion you want of it. You say  
 that the... are being... and  
 of... between... of this...  
 in a... position.

Respectfully  
 Yours truly  
 C. G. Wells  
 Capt & Surgeon  
 U.S. Army

✓

To the Hon. Sec. of War  
 Washington  
 D.C.

San Antonio office  
 January 2nd 1864

I have made the inquiries requested in regard  
 to... Major Burk... that he  
 knows nothing officially of Mr. Kani and that  
 he is not in his employ in any capacity and  
 that he has no... in his mind.

Very truly  
 Yours  
 Capt. J. S. ...  
 C. G. Wells  
 Capt & Surgeon  
 U.S. Army



Quartermasters Office  
Hannover Aug 24 1844

✓  
Major L. B. Rumble  
Huntsville

Major

✓  
Yours of the 20th ult. is at hand.  
The subject of Maj. Davis was set out to him  
after your departure from here, and by consequence  
you are not informed of the change.

It appears you have seen the  
proclamation of President Davis concerning the  
commerce trade to Mexico. Should this become a  
subject of discussion please state that means  
are being taken to satisfy any apparent conflict  
between the action of the Bureau and the  
proclamation.

Respectfully

Yours obt. Servant

L. G. Wells

Capt & Quar

per J. H. Langley

Aug 4/64

W. J. F. Adams

Dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. in relation to the matter of the ...  
 and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Quartermaster's Office  
 Houston August 4th 1864

J. Ward Esq. agt  
 Parker Bluff

Sir

It is requested that you will be so good as to forward the ...  
 to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Very





Franklin D. Roosevelt  
 August 12, 1944

best. J. J. G. G. G.

Gangster

my:

I made application in the 1st of  
 to Mr. Lee for the return of the money. The  
 application was returned with a message that  
 Maj. Thomas could be seen at the only bank  
 in the district on the same day. I then made  
 application to Maj. Lee who returned the  
 application with the remark that he could  
 not make the deal until he was furnished  
 with a descriptive roll. If you will forward  
 a descriptive roll as requested of Mr. Lee  
 I will renew the application, and be glad to see you.

Ref. H. O. G.  
 J. J. G. G.  
 G. G. G.  
 G. G. G.  
 G. G. G.



Executive office  
Houston Aug 4 1864

Wm. S. Bishop Esq  
to L. Elmore Esq.

Sir

Yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult requesting details for  
the transportation of government cotton  
has been received. I have today applied for  
the details, and when the application is granted  
you will be informed of it in regular course  
of business. I did not apply for you or your  
other application not having them any immediate  
use for you.

Respectfully  
yours  
Wm. S. Bishop  
Capt & Gen  
1<sup>st</sup> Regt Texas

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✓  
Quartermasters office  
Houston Aug 4, 1864

✓  
Lt. J. Samuels Army

U.S. Dist. Texas, New Mexico Post  
Sir

I have the honor to request the detail of  
Private James D. Bishop of the 1st Heavy Co. Col.  
Elmore's Regiment, for service in the Cotton Bureau  
in the Transportation of government cotton.  
Please order him to report  
to me for assignment to duty.

Very Respectfully  
J. C. Servant  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Co.  
per. Thayer



Laurelmaeus affinis  
Hawston Aug 4. 1884

F. J. book reg ag!

Yours truly

✓  
 Sir 2 Yams of the 4<sup>th</sup> mit is at hand,  
 Enclosed find Lot blank contracts as  
 requested—

Respectfully  
Yours, S. J.

1000 7. 5. 12

*Laurel*

*Lausimachus* *fr.*  
Houston Aug 4 1869.

L. S. Young Esq. ag!

*Marie Plaine*

नि

Yours of the 1st inst is at hand. Application will be made today for the discharge of private Brookman as requested.

Very ~~anxious~~

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 Superintendent of Prison  
 Lancaster August 4, 1864

✓  
 J. S. Ward Esq  
 Montreal

Sir

✓  
 Yours of the 21st inst is at hand. The  
 rules adopted at this office require that application  
 for details or transport within the country  
 through the agents of the Bureau, in the interior,  
 be made not need for transportation here. If you  
 desire obtain the application for your services  
 from any purchasing agent of the Bureau,  
 your detail can be obtained.

Respectfully,

Yr obedient servant

Wm. C. C.

Capt J. S. Ward

per signed



San Juan de los Rios  
 August 24, 1865

Lt. R. J. Samuels at St. J.  
 M. L. Dist. Texas New Mexico & Arizona  
 Sir:

I have the honor to request the detail of  
 Private Samuel Bookman of Company H  
 1st Texas Regiment.

Private Bookman is a skilled  
 mechanic, and his services are very much needed  
 to repair the cotton gin in Grimes County.

Please order him to report  
 to me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
 Your obt. servant  
 C. J. Keller

Capt. & Co. of  
 1st Texas Regiment  
 at Fort J. Taylor

Wardmaster of the  
Houses August 6. 1864

J. W. Cunningham  
Post Sullivan

Sir

Yours, not dated, has been received. I will  
furnish you with bagging and rope as soon as  
it can be obtained. If you need <sup>a small supply</sup> of ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> ~~other~~ <sup>other</sup>  
agents at ~~Cambridge~~ J. S. Reddick's ~~conveniently~~  
your good the present.

I am very much embarrassed  
by not having specie to pay debts for ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup>  
purchased under paragraph 11. but with ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup>  
can not be paid here until I have time  
to bring the specie from the Air Grand, and  
please Mr. Soley in funds. ~~So far as~~ <sup>So far as</sup>  
Parties will be paid on presentation ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup>  
of the ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~does not~~ <sup>does not</sup> ~~remove~~ <sup>remove</sup> ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup>  
all purchases be made under paragraph 11.  
I have always been in favor of the latter  
course and think it much better for  
all concerned. These details <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup>  
will have to be detailed over, upon your  
representation for the necessity for them, and  
make an application for the details of the



your application for a discharge  
 which is now must accompany  
 one the discharge can not be obtained  
 from some other of sale and paper to me  
 the same as a memorandum book. I do not know  
 any way to kind may be done or I would  
 have used your lot at once & enclosed.

Very Respectfully  
 Yr. obt. Servant  
 C. J. Wells  
 Capt & Co  
 Sec. of the Army

Quartermaster Office  
 Canton Aug 2 1861

✓ Thomas F. M. Esq  
 Special Agent

Sir  
 Yours of the 2nd inst applying for the  
 discharge of 25 conscripts has been recd. I will  
 make today the application for the discharge  
 of the conscripts and when obtained forward  
 to you.

Very Respectfully  
 Yr. obt. Servant  
 C. J. Wells  
 Capt & Co  
 Sec. of the Army

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Dec 1864

to Mr. Henry Esq. Agt.  
Huntsville

Sir,

Yours of the 8th inst. has been received. You can purchase the haggins and rope referred to your letter if it can be done at the rate of 60¢ per yard for 50 and, and 60¢ per yard for the others, possibly in cotton at the same rates with full right to export the same. Ordinary 8¢ and ordinary 10¢ and ordinary 15¢. Dried beef 10¢ and good milled 10¢. These are the rates at which cotton is sold here in the purchase of supplies for the army.

If it is impossible to obtain the haggins at 60¢, you can consider obtaining it locally at 70¢ per yard for it, but if possible do not give more than 60¢ per yard.

Should you obtain it, let me know quantity of each to be ordered at once.

Respectfully,  
J. H. Smith  
J. H. Smith  
J. H. Smith



Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 11th 1862

J. Dillman Esq  
Raleigh  
Sir

Yours of the 3d inst is at hand. I can  
not make an application for the 100 lbs  
of James Johnson until I am furnished  
a descriptive roll.

Respectfully yours  
W. H. F.

W. H. F.  
Capt & Surgeon  
1st Regt Texas

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 11th 1862

W. H. Long Esq Esq.  
Houston

Sir

Yours of the 1st inst is at hand.  
This office has no authority to purchase  
cotton on any other terms than that set out  
in our published terms. It has no discretion.

Very respectfully  
Yr. obt servt  
W. H. F.  
Capt & Surgeon  
1st Regt Texas

From the  
London Aug 5th 1854

Mr. J. L. Smith  
London

I have the pleasure of  
acknowledging and transmitting to you the  
two bills of exchange for  
the sum of £1000 and £500 respectively  
for the amount of the above bills  
to the office

Very Respectfully  
J. L. Smith  
Per J. L. Smith

From the  
London Aug 5th 1854

Mr. J. L. Smith  
London

I have the pleasure of  
acknowledging the receipt of the  
train B. Bill. Mr. J. L. Smith  
of the office for the sum of  
£1000 and £500 respectively  
for the amount of the above bills  
to the office

Very Respectfully  
J. L. Smith

Still forward you the bills as  
no any is received.



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Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 6. 1864

Major J. C. Thomas

Chief Clerk Service. Western Dist. of Texas

Major

I have the honor to request the detail  
of the following named conscripts

Jackson Hammett 40 yrs. 5 ft. 8 in. Fair complexion.  
Brown hair. Gray eyes. Native of  
Missouri. Enrolled in Travis County

Infra Sandhwood. 26. yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Fair complexion  
Brown hair. Blue eyes. Native of  
Kentucky. Enrolled in Travis County

J. F. Allen

26. yrs. 5 ft 9 1/2 in. Fair complexion  
Brown hair. Hazel eyes. Native of  
Texas. Enrolled in Travis County

George Heifner. 49 yrs. 5 ft 8 in. Fair complexion  
Brown hair. Hazel eyes. Native of  
Germany. Enrolled in Travis County

W. Snout

40 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Fair complexion  
Sandy hair. Blue eyes. Native of  
Germany. Enrolled in Travis County

E. Spillman

40 yrs. 5 ft 8 in. Dark complexion. Brown  
hair. Blue eyes. Native of  
Germany. Enrolled in Travis County

J. L. Hobbs

30 yrs. 5 ft 7 in. Dark complexion, Brown hair. Black eyes. Native of Louisiana. Enrolled in Travis County.

J. M. Benjamin

26 yrs. 5 ft 5 in. Fair complexion, light hair. Blue eyes. Native of Sucedane. Enrolled in Travis County.

J. P. Leinley

38 yrs. 5 ft 8 in. Fair complexion, Brown hair. Hazel eyes. Native of Alabama. Enrolled in Travis County.

C. A. Anderson

24 yrs. 5 ft 7 in. Fair complexion, light hair. Blue eyes. Native of Sucedane. Enrolled in Travis County.

W. G. Runkel

46 yrs. 5 ft 8 in. Fair complexion. Brown hair. Gray eyes. Native of Tennessee. Enrolled in Travis County.

J. Calvin Pierce

19 yrs. 5 ft 11 in. Fair complexion. Light hair. Blue eyes. Native of Alabama. Enrolled in Travis County.

James Pierce

44 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Fair complexion, Brown hair. Blue eyes. Native of Tennessee. Enrolled in Travis County.

R. A. Boyce

30 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Fair complexion, Brown hair. Hazel eyes. Native of Boyce. Enrolled in Travis County.



- J. W. Wiley 48 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Fair complexion  
Dark hair. Hazel eyes. Native of  
Tennessee. Enrolled in Travis County
- A. J. Gayhurst 37 yrs. 5 ft 7 in. Dark complexion  
Brown hair. Blue eyes. Native of  
Virginia. Enrolled in Williamson County
- J. G. Kingsbury 40 yrs. 5 ft 8 in. Dark complexion. Dark  
hair. Blue eyes. Native of North Carolina.  
Enrolled in Williamson County
- J. E. Casley 30 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Light complexion  
Brown hair. Hazel eyes. Native of  
North Carolina. Enrolled in Williamson County
- Lewis Merrill 47 yrs. 5 ft 8 in. Dark complexion. Dark hair  
Blue eyes. Native of Martinique.  
Enrolled in Travis County
- M. R. Jones 35 yrs. 5 ft 8 in. Dark complexion. Dark hair  
Blue eyes. Native of Arkansas. Enrolled  
in Travis County
- H. F. Friedman 28 yrs. 6 ft 3 in. Dark complexion. Brown  
hair. Hazel eyes. Native of Wisconsin.  
Enrolled in Williamson County
- C. W. Alverson 27 yrs. 5 ft 5 in. Fair complexion. Brown  
hair. Blue eyes. Native of Maryland.  
Enrolled in Travis County

Henry Reel 39 yrs. 5 ft 8 in. Fair complexion & sandy hair. Light eyes. Native of Germany 413  
Enrolled in Travis County.

John Kunkin 45 yrs. 5 ft 5 in Fair complexion. Brown hair. Blue eyes. Native of Germany.  
Enrolled in Travis County.

G. J. Carr 46 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Fair complexion. Brown hair. Blue eyes. Native of Tennessee  
Enrolled in Travis County.

George Pitts 43 yrs. 5 ft 8 in. Fair complexion. Gray hair. Gray eyes. Native of North Carolina.  
Enrolled in Travis County.

These men are necessary to the  
Cotton Bureau for the transportation of govern-  
ment cotton, and are now on the road transporting  
cotton.

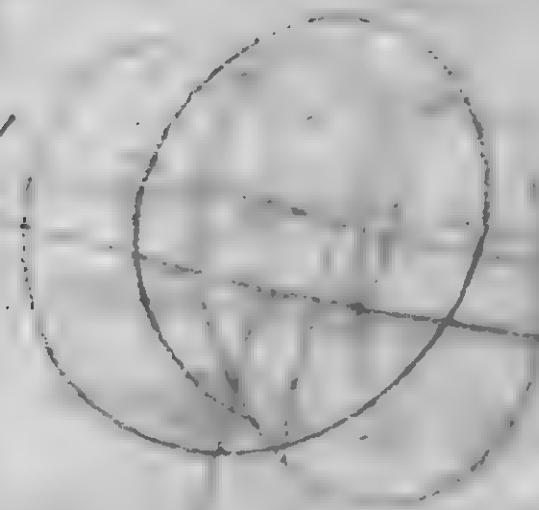
Please order them to report to me for  
 duty.

Very Respectfully  
Your obt Servant

L. G. Wells.

Capt & Co. 2nd  
and duty in Cotton Bureau  
per T. J. Langley

For M. Kunkin





Quartermaster Office

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Harrison Aug 5. 1864

J. P. Cunningham Esq. Capt

Fort Sullivan

Sir

Yours of the 28th is at hand  
and as I have no other party refuse  
to allow action on the terms of this office. you  
will stand with the facts of the case as to  
the proper enforcement of law for his action.

Respectfully

Wm. H. Harrison

Quartermaster

Fort Mifflin

per attached

Wm. H. Harrison  
Quartermaster

Sir

Quartermaster Office

Harrison Aug 5. 1864

Yours of the 28th met. I have  
no other party refuse to allow  
action on the terms of this office.  
you will stand with the facts of the case  
as to the proper enforcement of law  
for his action.

Respectfully  
Wm. H. Harrison  
Quartermaster





Superintendent's office  
Houston March 8, 1854

John A. Williams Esq. Capt.  
Columbian

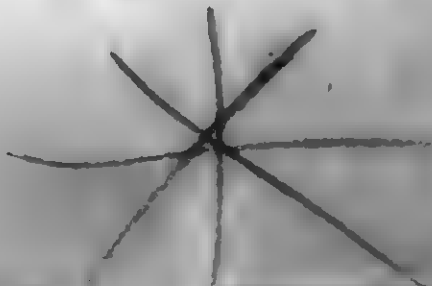
Sir

Yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. has been received.  
I will ship your hoggins and rope, as soon as  
I obtain a fresh supply. I present I am entirely  
out. I will have a supply early next week  
and shall then furnish you.

Very respectfully  
Yr. obt. Servt.

B. G. Wells

Capt & A. S. M.  
per August



Lt. R. J. Samuels  
 N. E. District Texas, New Mexico  
 Sir

I have the honor to request the  
 of Ensign S. M. Childers, of Captain  
 Madox Company, Golden's Battalion  
 service in the Cotton Battalion the  
 of Government cotton

Please order him to  
 for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
 Your obt. Servt  
 G. G. Wells

Capt & Co. M.  
 and Co. in Cotton Battalion

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In the office  
 June 10th August 6, 1854

Philip Cheek Esq. Agt  
 Wheelock

Sir

You are making application for the detail  
 of S. M. Childers of Madox Co. Golden's Battalion  
 is at hand? The application for the detail  
 will be made on day and when obtained  
 forward to you

Respectfully  
 Your obt. Servt  
 G. G. Wells  
 Capt & Co. M.  
 and Co. in Cotton Battalion



Quartermaster's office  
Houston August 8 1864

Major J. A. Thomas  
Chief Quartermaster Service Station District of Texas  
Houston

I have the honor to request the details of

Mr. James of Capt. James's Co. have been employed  
in the Quartermaster's office, Fayette County, aged 46 yrs. Gray  
hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, 5 ft 10 inches  
high, and by occupation a farmer

Mr. James's services are  
required in the Cotton Bureau as an agent  
for the purchase of cotton seed

Please order him to  
report to me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
your obedient servant

G. F. Wells.

By J. A. Thomas  
Chief Quartermaster

Quartermaster's office  
Houston Aug 6 1864

W. W. Fournier Esq Agt  
Solrange

Sir

Yours of the 4th inst has been received.  
The application for the detail of Mr. Fournier  
of the 2nd Regt. will be made to day  
as requested. When the detail is received  
it will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt servt.  
C. J. Wells  
Capt & Agt  
for 5th Regt

W. W. Fournier Esq

Quartermaster's office

Very respectfully  
Yours obt servt.  
C. J. Wells  
Capt & Agt  
for 5th Regt



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Shrewsbury August 8 1852

Wm. McKim Esq.  
 Wm. McKim Esq.

Dear Sir - The box of the books which I ordered  
 being for 1 book. I have to send the box  
 shipped to the address of Mr. McKim Esq.  
 and the box forwarded.

Respectfully,  
 (Signature)

Wm. McKim  
 By Agent.

Enclosed there is a check for  
 the full amount of the books  
 and all your bills are full



2 Master Office  
 I. S. Austin August 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Mr. Perkins  
 Land

Enclosed I send you P. Lading 813 boxes shipped  
 by J. O. Mc Kinney Agt at Austin. To your address  
 please forward classifications & weights as  
 soon as the Cotton arrives

Respectfully Yours  
 E. S. Williams  
 By H. H. [unclear]

Quartermaster's office  
Hauksbury 21 May

Major J. A. Thomas  
U.S. Army Service, Western District of Texas  
Mexico

I have the honor to request that you  
order J. A. Thomas, 21 yrs, 5 ft 10 in. Blue eyes,  
Dark hair, Fair complexion, Native of  
Alabama, Enrolled in Bullard County  
order that he is necessary  
to the cotton Bureau for the transportation  
of government cotton. He has now  
the cotton on his wagon and is only  
waiting for his detail to be on the  
road.

Please order him to report to  
me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
Your obedient servant  
L. J. Wells  
Capt & Surgeon  
1st Inf. Regt



2nd. Semaster Office  
Held on Aug 8, 1884

St. R. J. Samuels Esq  
No. 120 District Street New Mexico Territory  
Sai

I have the honor to request the detail of  
the following names of the 1st. Battalion  
of the 1st. Regiment of the 1st. Division of the 1st. Army Corps of the United States Army, at  
Baltimore, Maryland.

The following names of the  
 Lumbermen of the State of Maine  
 H. F. Lusk  
 Charles Lusk  
 Dean Samson

Great Britain. These are the only necessary  
for the British Government to be able to  
of goods, but to stop  
Please order them to

of your last letter. Please order them to report to me for assignment to duty -  
Yours faithfully,  
J. Edgar Hoover

My dear family  
your letter of the 10th  
has been received  
and I am glad to hear  
of your health and  
the success of your  
journey.

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Aug 8. 1864

John H. Cook Esq Capt  
Victoria

Sir

Yours of the 2nd inst concerning report prisoners  
making 2nd inst. is - ~~ackd~~ recd.

If the guns in your section  
of the army are generally out of order, upon  
your representation of the fact and mentioning the  
name of a suitable party to put them in repair,  
I will have him detailed and when he is ordered  
to you for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
yours  
L. G. Wells  
Capt & Surgeon  
for S. J. J. J. J.



Quartermaster's Office  
Haverton Aug 8. 1864

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Chief Clerk Esq. agt  
Whelock

Sir

I will this day as requested make application for the detail of, L. H. Ballins, L. F. Shuck, John Lusk and Edward Dunsen as requested, and when obtained send details to you

Respectfully

Yr. off. Servt

L. F. Wells

Capt & Co. 9th

Regt. 5th Div.

Quartermaster's Office  
Haverton August 8. 1864

J. M. Cunningham Esq. Agt.  
Post Sallin

Sir

Yours of the 3rd inst. is at hand. This office has no authority to grant details, only to make application for details. If you will forward the descriptive list of Mr. Oliver, if a member of his company and Capt. if a soldier, I will as requested apply for his detail.

Very Respectfully

Yr. off. Servt

L. F. Wells

Capt & Co. 9th

Regt. 5th Div.

Sanctum office  
Hudson Aug 18 1865

J. C. Tucker Esq. Capt

Harmant

Sir

Yours of the 15th is at hand  
containing \$1 for 25 rods of bottom and  
for 10 rods, for 10 rods, and for 9 rods

The amount of \$1.00 has  
been paid and will be sent up to you  
on Wednesday next. Will ship your baggage  
and, after as soon as I can obtain a  
passage. There is no baggage and no one  
off the river. I am not to the eastward  
but expect a large supply this week.

Respectfully

Yours truly

J. C. Tucker

Capt. & Agt.

for the Hudson

There is a letter at Hudson, which presents the  
order of of the Hudson & the letter, no one  
having the authority to sign his name.

Yours truly

Hayne



London Office

London Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1854

Mr H. Shingon Esq  
 Messrs

Dear Sirs of the 5<sup>th</sup> received enclosing Certificate  
 from J. D. D. of the delivery of 6 Bales  
 of cotton yarn for my Certificate of and  
 Receipt.

I do acknowledge a receipt for the B & A to be  
 sent to you and returned to this office  
 + Obedt. Yours etc  
 J. H. M. C. C. C.  
 By J. H. M. C. C.

I am very much obliged to you  
 when I have written a few lines

Quartermaster's Office  
Hanneton Aug 9 1864

John H. Corp. Regt Agt  
Victoria

Sir

Yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst with certificate of  
delivery of 25 boxes of cotton by Thos B. Munnick  
is at hand. Enclosed please find the return certifi-  
cate and exemption in favor of Mr. Munnick.  
We hope the certified copy and exemption should  
pass through the purchasing agent's hands  
and adhere to the rule unless very urgent cir-  
cumstances dictate a contrary course.

Very respectfully  
yours  
G. L. Mills  
Capt Regt  
1st Regt



Quartermaster Office

Houston Aug 29 1864

John H. McLaughlin Esq Agent

Barren Bluffs

Sir

Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. enclosing a card  
for me to send a detail of 4 at hand, I am  
not offly for a detail for transportation  
I am furnished with the description of  
the applicant. The regulations governing  
this office provide that not only one man  
shall be detailed for every party to be  
transported. When you wish to have a detail  
to leave and represent that the party has  
the required amount of transportation that  
you have need for his services, and  
if a receipt furnish his description  
best if an enlisted man, furnish the  
company & regiment and I will be a detail  
made and furnished to you.  
A party however can not be detailed out  
of the district where his command is.  
This district comprises Texas, New Mexico & Arizona.  
I am your faithful servant, & will be  
I will make application for his detail

Respectfully

W. H. Miller  
Quartermaster

Signal Master's Office  
 10th Nov 1864

S. A. Miller Esq, Capt  
 Breckitt

Sir

Your coming report for week ending  
 30th inst is at hand. Report with certainty  
 whether the reason you refer to as furnished  
 from sources are correct in the late fire in  
 Breckitt. The regulations provide that only  
 one man shall be detailed for every party  
 to be transported. When you wish a man  
 detailed as transporter, write to me and represent  
 the service required amount of transportation,  
 what you have use for his services, and if  
 a conscript forward his description, height and  
 if an enlisted <sup>man</sup> his company and regiment, and  
 I will make an application for the detail.  
 A party however can not be detailed out  
 of the district in which his command is  
 stationed. This district comprises Texas,  
 New Mexico & Arizona, and I can have detailed  
 any man whose command is stationed therein.  
 I have no large envelopes, and can purchase  
 only small ones.

Respectfully yr. obdt. Servt  
 J. G. Elliott  
 Signal Master



Quartermaster's Office,  
 Houston Aug 9. 1864  
 Major A. H. Miller,  
 San Antonio,

Major.

On 4<sup>th</sup> Inst I issued to a Mr.  
 Chapin my certificate of exemption for  
 of Galveston -

4 Bales 1405 lbs

7 " 2875 "

992 pounds 6 " 2402 "

The equivalent of cotton having been received  
 from him at Atterton.

Mr. C. now applies for a duplicate on the  
 ground that the original has been lost in  
 the mail. As it is contrary to my custom  
 to duplicate such papers, I have the honor  
 to request that you will allow his cotton  
 to pass under this letter, in justice to him, and  
 will stop the original if it has fallen into  
 other hands. If Mr. C. finds the lost  
 paper, no use will be made of this  
 letter.

Very respectfully  
 Yours truly  
 C. C. Shells  
 Capt. T. A. G. H.

Quinton's Office  
Houston Aug 9. 1864

Maj W. P. Banghur  
Gonzales

Maj.

I am informed of two lots of Cotton en-  
route to the Rio Grande. One of 48 Bales  
stained at Goliad, on J. S. Deukhan's wagon  
One of 24 Bales near Hallettsville, in charge  
of J. W. Kelly - all marked B.F. - name  
of it weighed - was shipped under  
the State Plan by W. H. Virgilant, Agent.

Mr. K. represents it to be the property of a  
Germanman, who has no agent to represent him,  
but he considers it best for the owners interests  
under the circumstances to turn over to you.

You will please receive this Cotton and  
issue the necessary receipts, or authorize  
the County Agent to do so. The expense  
of repairs will be deducted from the  
payments made on the Cotton. You will  
please state the quantity of Bag & Rope & the  
cost of labor, in your receipts.

Very respectfully

Garrett

C. G. Kelly Agent



Charlestown's Office,  
 New York, Aug 9. 1864  
 Hon G. W. Harrison Esq of  
 Georgia.

Sir,

Mr W. H. Kirkland will call on you in regard to the Cotton in his charge the property of a Frenchman. He states that 40 Bales are now in Savannah but will need repair. You will please make some arrangements to procure the use of the Press lately conducted by Mr Scott. If no amicable or reasonable arrangement can be made, you will take it and use it in putting this Cotton in order. The expense of doing so will be borne by the owner of the Cotton. The Bagging & Rope will be furnished by you and of the latter you will receive Smith's King & Co. Please state the quantity of Bagging & Rope in your Receipt & I will deduct it from the payment.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agent.

to the Bureau

James wife 24th

11th Aug 1864

My dear Mr. L. L. Bell and all other  
 officers & Agents representing the  
 Bureau and informed that that  
 E. Kirby for the Bureau ordered  
 me to deliver to Bureau for  
 the exportation of all State  
 grown cotton. I have Antonio  
 & Joseph of the Bureau up to the  
 16th of July. and no impediment  
 much to them in the way of the  
 exportation of said cotton by any  
 one acting under any order.

W. A. Brounwell  
 to the Bureau



Bottom Bureau

San Antonio

January 10th 1867

Major

Major

This is to certify that the following is  
one of the warrants issued at the place  
of capture at San Antonio as a result of the place  
being issued by the military boards and the  
state place, which you have secured to  
yourself and which you do not to  
include in it. I beg permission to inform you that  
it was the intention of Genl. Smith to include  
such warrants and you are requested to grant  
for relief of the application on the application  
of the Governor, or his nearest agent.

Very respectfully

W. A. B. B.

W. A. B. B.

to the Excellency  
 Madhya Pradesh.  
 Governor of India.  
 Lucknow.

to the Hon. Secy.  
 Home Dept. is in  
 Houston 10 Aug, 1947

I have the honor to acknowledge your highly valued favour of the 13<sup>th</sup> on my return from Madras. Ld. and am much obliged for the information & suggestions furnished herewith. You have an order directing no interference with the exportation of State Pham Cottons at present from Madras or West of Ghaz place up to 16<sup>th</sup> of July. I have no information as to the action of my office there. I am sure that your letter is also an order from both of you directing nothing offensive not to interfere with the duties now engaged in working for the cotton which was designed to supply the work of India in your second letter. Both of your letters will be forwarded to the Secretary and such further action will be required at his hands as to much fully. Yours sincerely & faithfully



Similar uncorroborated in future.

I feel deeply grateful for your friendly  
cooperation in the plans of the book  
to beg to assure you that it will afford  
me pleasure to indicate my very high  
appreciation of your action & courage  
in any way that I can.

My hasty departure for Louisiana  
soon after your letter prevented my  
much correspondence with the gentleman  
you mention. Had enough to recommend  
although I regretted they would be con-  
nected with them & uncertain. How  
these issues can be rendered much  
available & useful to the country.

I am very much in need of some  
good business men. and shall be  
to both of your friends without  
delay.

Very Respy  
W. H. Thackeray  
to be

P.S. Since starting the above I have had  
an interview with Lord Lorne. in  
reference to the points named in  
your letter.

Quartermaster Office  
 Quebec August 12, 1864

Commodore John Smith  
 Landy. Marine Department of India  
 Quebec

Commodore

I have the honor to request the  
 transfer of William J. Smith to the service of  
 the Boston Bureau. Mr. Smith is a private in  
 Company (B) 1st Maine Regiment, and is on detached  
 service in your department, and is in the 2nd  
 district under command of Captain J. C. Davis.

Smith's services are  
 necessary to the Boston Bureau for the transfor-  
 mation of government soldiers.

Please order him to report to  
 me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
 Your obedient servant

Wm. V. Brown  
 Acting Adjutant General



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 I have by  
 James Bayne  
 Sir

I have stopped you by boat which leaves every  
 day stopping up the river, making up. The baggage  
 and goods were left with a Mr. Thompson at  
 New Orleans. It is sent you as before  
 advised at request of Edmund G. Hardy.

Very respectfully  
 Your old servant  
 S. J. Wells  
 Capt. V. Agre

Dear Sir  
I have the honor to

acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.

in relation to the matter of the 14th inst.

I am sorry to hear that you are

ill and hope you will soon be

able to return to your duties.

Very respectfully,  
J. B. Allen

Yours truly,  
J. B. Allen

Yours truly,  
J. B. Allen

I am sorry to hear that you are ill and hope you will soon be able to return to your duties.

Very respectfully,  
J. B. Allen



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Hanson Aug 21 1924

James M. Smith

John William Smith New England Magazine

... ..

John Andrew Wright, Clerk of  
the Court of Common Pleas

*Chalcidius* *Lucia* in light reddish brown; *Pinguicula* *Bottani*

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These factors are inseparable & the  
action I mean for the transformation of govern-  
ment action.

Please advise them to report to me  
for assignment today

Very Respectfully,  
J. M. Caldwell

W. E. Hill

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This cancels the appreciation  
for made for these hardies  
on 678 inch.

Enter Journal, 24th Oct.  
Houston, Aug 24 1864.

Michael Edmell Esq  
Laredo, Texas

Sir

Upon the suggestion of Brig Genl S. C. Laughlin, you are hereby appointed Agent of this Bureau at Dingeld Junction. The order opening this point to the exposure of cotton will issue from District Ad Quarters in a few days, & I would particularly desire that you proceed to your post at once in order to prevent the passage of any cotton not properly exempted.

Your acquaintance with the business of the Office as conducted by Mr. Williams at Laredo, will qualify you to manage the business at the new point without further instructions from this Office. Such instructions as you may require you will please apply to Mr. H. Perkins.

Shipment of cotton will be made to you by the District Agents. No disposition will be controlled by Mr. Perkins.

Very respectfully  
Yr obt servt



Arthur Pennell  
 Grand Mills Dept. Co.  
 Hunter Aug 10. 1862

General.

I have the honor to request that a few medicines be authorized furnished to John J. Hall in charge of the Government negroes engaged in repairing leather at Orange. Please instruct the Medical Director to issue the enclosed list.

Also please instruct the Post Commissioner of Richmond to cause to Mr. Hall for the use of the same negroes such subsistence stores as he may certify are absolutely necessary for their maintenance while employed at Orange.

The medicines and subsistence stores seem to be of first necessity in this case. As they cannot be procured except through the Govt, and the negroes cannot be kept at work without them,

Very respectfully,  
 J. Pennell

By the S. L. Slaughter  
 S. L. Slaughter

West Point Station Office  
 Augusta, Aug 2nd 1864

Friend of  
 Newport

Dear Sir

I send you by 10 days train  
 Right Hon. William P. Rogers writing 949 pounds  
 New found length for same to the office

Very Respectfully  
 C. L. Mills Esq  
 Louisville

West Point Station Office

Dear Sir

I send you by 10 days train  
 3 lbs India Rubber length 180 lbs.  
 New found length for same to the office

Very Respectfully  
 C. L. Mills Esq  
 Louisville



The General Cotton Office  
in the City of New York  
has the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that  
the same has been forwarded to the  
proper authorities for their consideration  
and that you will be kept advised of the result  
of the same.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. Thompson, General Cotton Office

Enclosed for you are  
the bills of lading for the cotton  
which has been shipped by the ship  
"The Boston" to the port of London.

Very Respectfully,  
J. H. Thompson

Quartermaster's Office

Memphis, Aug 10. 1864

Major L. B. Thomas

Chief Clerk of the War Dept.

Major -

I have the honor to request  
the detail of  
James B. Beane, aged 28 yrs. 6 ft  
high - hazel eyes - gray hair - dark complexion -  
native of Georgia -

Mr. Beane is a good clerk and  
just such a man as is now needed  
in this Office to fulfil duties which  
are much neglected for want of a  
competent man to perform them.  
Please order him to report to  
me for duty.

Very respectfully

John A. Wells

Capt & Agent

on duty in Cotton Bureau



Your letter of the 10th  
 received and affords  
 me the opportunity to express my  
 sincere thanks for the  
 interest you have taken in  
 the cause of the  
 colored people of the  
 South. I am glad to hear  
 that you are so deeply  
 interested in the  
 progress of the  
 cause. I am sure that  
 your efforts will be  
 successful in the  
 end. I am, Sir,  
 very respectfully,  
 Yours,  
 Wm. L. Chapin  
 Secretary of the  
 American Society  
 for the Improvement  
 of the Colored People

Postmaster office  
 13th August 1854

John B. Lubbock Esq  
 Bishop  
 Sir

Enclosed of the 1st inst has been received  
 your letter of the 28th inst of 8th inst  
 relative to the 1st inst of 8th inst  
 relative to the 1st inst of 8th inst

Very respectfully  
 at the office of the  
 Postmaster  
 13th August 1854



Quartermaster's Office  
 Canton August 11, 1864

Genl. J. M. McKim

Special Agent

Sir

Yours of the 1st inst. is received, and the  
 and 6th inst. have been forwarded to you from Major Hart  
 of the 1st Regt. I enclose herewith details if possible  
 if not then the date of detail, name of party,  
 and for what service transferred, as well  
 as the name of the party, issue the details direct  
 from this office. This will expedite obtain-  
 ing such details, and I apprehend answer  
 all your inquiries. Your expression of  
 the order of Genl. Smith is practically  
 correct. But experience has proven that  
 let orders be what they may, the transfer  
 must have some writing to protect them  
 from the interference of the various subordinate  
 officers, and such writing or detail can  
 only issue from this office. The man  
 not employed or we cannot return him  
 to the employ of the "Bureau" as we are

I have read your letter of the 10th inst. and am very sorry that you are  
 at a disadvantage of freight paid, and ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> the purchase  
 agent of the "Ruman". But you are asking  
 under a special contract, and where the  
 disadvantages of freight is so much more to  
 you a disadvantage on the one hand, there  
 are other more than enough of advan-  
 tages in your contract to counterbalance it.  
 It is my earnest wish to see you to conduct  
 the business of the Bureau with the perfect good  
 faith and honest spirit of the govern-  
 ment and all who are connected with it. I have  
 always to the spirit of a contract to be  
 made. I am not here to ask in goods  
 of which I am not interested in at all.  
 I shall see you your contract  
 is a very good one, and a good one for  
 the government. I am not here to ask in  
 particulars of such business as this office  
 is to conduct, and the differences  
 of the times of your purchases, and  
 not offered by the regulations of the office.





Henry Paul Boggs

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and it is a noble refusal to do it he is immediately  
admitted to an important office, which appears to  
exert a very salutary influence.

A large portion of the Cotton is in the seed, and  
may well be expended in securing it in shipping condition  
& has been negotiated with Messrs. King  
& Co. of London for 500,000 in value at a profit.



of increasing it to a big million by pledging one  
 the cotton of 6 Counties for exportation to Europe -  
 the money is all there & it will be immediately  
 available to supply by 75<sup>th</sup> of March our  
 in Mexico - The surplus proceeds of the cotton will  
 go into the hands of Major Smith for investment  
 abroad. - There is a great deal of person spec  
ulation in San Antonio & a few hundred and  
 forwarded to Shreveport by Capt Marshall train -  
 The arrangements have been made to receive &  
 which imported under the contract with the  
 agents. - E. D. Nichols, to be paid \$1000 &  
 to cover the goods to be furnished when the payment  
 to be made in Mexico - 20 per cent is to be paid in  
 San Antonio and the remaining 80 per cent in cash  
 in the interior. I have strong hopes of getting the  
 Store to Shreveport before winter sets in - and if  
 so all the troops can be made comfortable & the  
 pressing necessities of the various departments be  
 supplied - I will go to the coast as soon as possible  
 & push matters forward -

These arrangements are very expensive and large  
 quantities of cotton will be required for their  
 consummation but the Contracts involve the honor  
 & good faith of the Confederate States & should have





My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the W. & A. Co. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours,  
 J. H. [Signature]

J. H. [Signature]

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 Letter to  
 Jones & Co. 1871  
 Houston 11 Aug 1871  
 Captain.

My dear Sir,  
 I have been compelled to turn to you  
 for whom is due one month's wages.  
 I have you are desired to pay in  
 reference to the application of my wife  
 to the Customs account. I would  
 have had also that you would pay  
 my wife the balance of this pay  
 at the same time. I have further order  
 can be obtained. I do not feel  
 at liberty to deny anything. Con-  
 sulting with the order from both  
 parties. but my wife is in my  
 judgment is entitled to a living. You  
 will be her pay proper from the  
 company.

Very Respectfully,  
 J. H. Smith  
 J. H. Smith



San Antonio, Bexar

San Antonio, Sept

Monmouth 11 Aug 1874

Major Wm. Russell for the  
 date of the 3rd inst that he  
 has funds to pay the expenses of  
 my travel to Texas. This over to  
 have Eagle P. & the expenses  
 which to the organization of his  
 office. In addition this may part-  
 of the money you will  
 furnish upon proper vouchers, either  
 turning over to my Russell  
 & sufficiency. on the payment  
 of the accounts certified to by  
 him.

Very Respy

W. A. Brouder

La Loma

W. B. Switcomb  
 San Antonio  
 Texas

Quartermaster's Office

Houston August 24th 1863

St. R. J. Samuels & Co.

N. Es. District Texas New Mexico Arizona  
Sir

I have the honor to request the details of  
William Flowers Private in 1st Texas Inf. Co. 1st  
Regt. 1st Texas Inf. Div. 1st Army.

Private Flowers is necessary  
to the 1st Texas Cavalry for the transportation  
of the 1st Texas Cavalry.

These orders have been  
sent to the proper authorities to act.

Very Respectfully  
Yours for the  
J. B. Jones

Left 9 A.M.  
on duty in 1st Texas Cavalry



Postmaster's office

London August 11, 1844

Wm. H. Davis Esq. Agt.

1-4-12

Not 2 of the 6th but to at least  
have 1000 for the detail of 1000 is  
as regulated, and a thousand well fought  
to go, as you suggest it would from your  
point of view to ship to the Rio Grande,  
and your answer to Michael Sedgwick at  
Hercules, so much.

Very Respectfully

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*Quartermaster's Office*  
*Honorable Secy. of War*  
*Washington*  
*Dec 21. 1865*  
*My Dear Sir*

I have your favor of 6th inst & make  
 a reply - I send you the Receipts for  
 your use - I send you Invoice Receipts -  
 I want all the Cotton at your Depot to  
 come direct to the Warehouse.

You will class the Cotton as received  
 the old Quar Office - I must call your  
 attention to the necessity for such Classification  
 Rosenberg, Hall, Hildner & Co, Smith, Hoffman  
 Haffner, complain bitterly of your Classification  
 & report much damaged cotton in the lots  
 received by you. Reject all damaged  
 inferior Cotton, or require the owner to  
 pack it & put it in order.

Ship the Cotton to the Warehouse as early as  
 possible - send me A.R. stating class  
 marks & weights & from whom the Cotton  
 was received -

Very respectfully,  
 Your obedient  
 Servant  
*E. C. Smith*  
*Quar. Master*



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~~Quartermaster's Office~~  
~~Washington, D.C.~~  
~~Aug 10 1864~~

P. G. Alden Esq.  
 New York City

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th & am glad to note your interest in the cotton en route for Gen. Sherman. I give a good report of your efforts and you may be assured they are fully appreciated. I can only add to my gratification by bringing to the attention of the remainder of Major West's Cotton.

In turning over Cotton to Gen. Sherman we would only turn over one half. I do not want to be forced to make specie payments if I can avoid it. I have sent to Gen. Sherman for funds to pay freight. I wish to hold the specie sacred for that purpose. I could give you a draft as agreed upon for the balance, I will still do so, as I proposed to Gen. Sherman, if you desire it.

I endeavored to procure Shaws' oil here without success. I have sent on the application to Liverpool.

Very respectfully,  
 Yours obt. servt.  
 C. G. Wells Esq.

✓

Ernestine's Office  
 100 N. 1st St. St. Louis, Mo.  
 H. J. Lippert, Esq.  
 Director.

✓ I am in receipt of your favor of  
 10th inst. and note contained therein. I  
 report your accounts as correct. You  
 may take the 10th inst. as correct.  
 I have no proposed. Please send me  
 your receipt as a memorandum for  
 settlement.

If you choose to take the 10th inst. as correct  
 I am claiming it as such. I am  
 very respectfully,  
 Yours at St. Louis,  
 E. J. Lippert

Very respectfully,  
 E. J. Lippert  
 100 N. 1st St. St. Louis, Mo.  
 100 N. 1st St. St. Louis, Mo.  
 100 N. 1st St. St. Louis, Mo.



Cotton Bureau

~~Confidential~~  
~~to the Hon. Secy of War~~  
~~Washington~~

~~My dear Sir~~  
~~I have the honor to acknowledge~~  
~~the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.~~

The Excellence Governor Allen at  
 as I have already written to you soliciting your  
 cooperation & influence to expedite the  
 of the Govt for the procurement & transpor-  
 tion of cotton in Mississippi. I have been  
 from you if it will be agreeable to expedite  
 this matter, and give me your opinion as to  
 the time of policy that should be pursued as  
 also in what capacity you think you would  
 be rendered most available both locally  
 at the same time agreeable to your service.

I cannot explain to you our plans in a  
 letter but if consistent with your ideas of  
 propriety to act upon the report submitted by Gen  
 Murray I shall seek a personal interview with  
 you in the meantime you are requested to  
 communicate with Capt Buz at Jefferson or  
 Major E. W. Walker at Vicksburg who are directed  
 to furnish you all the information in their power  
 as to the general plans & purposes of the war.

It in a few words is designed to supply the  
want of the Army with military stores  
procured through the use of agents of the  
Government of the country - to be acquired under  
orders of Genl Order No 34 from G. S. Hodge,

Looking to hear from you at an early day,  
and the honor to be



Capt. Cotton Bureau  
 Capt. Young wife 2. ph  
 Jos. H. H. H. H. - Worcester 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 1844  
 Dear Sir -

The Executive Council  
 of the State has been kindly directed to  
 you in writing your capacity &  
 influence to communicate the Plans  
 of the Council for the preservation  
 & transportation of Cotton in Southern  
 Texas. Please inform me if  
 it will be agreeable to you  
 in this matter. I trust you are  
 aware of the fact that the policy that  
 be observed be preserved in the  
 in which capacity you think you  
 service can be rendered most  
 agreeable to the Council. At the  
 same time agreeable to your self.  
 I cannot explain to you our plans  
 in a letter - but if consistent with your  
 sense of propriety to ask upon the same  
 presented by the Council. I shall seek  
 a personal interview with you.  
 In the meantime you are requested  
 to communicate with Capt. B. &

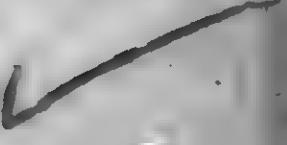
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My dear Rufus -  
I have just  
received from  
Houston 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 1872

You will receive the  
stones purchased from E.B. Edwards  
207. The specific values to which  
W.H. Stearns, Chief of the  
Bureau of Mineralogy, L.A., with  
his understanding that he will  
turn over to me with them  
such portion of the domestic or  
foreign as is required in the  
substitution of the for such  
purpose.

Very Respy  
at  
J.W. A. Brander  
L.A. Cal



Manufacture Office

Houston August 25th 1861

George C. Leg

Chief Agent

Columbia

Yours of the 15th inst. has been received  
 and the law of the State of Texas in relation  
 to manufactures, has been forwarded to you  
 and can only exempt certain articles  
 in regulating government, all other  
 articles for any purpose other than  
 domestic use in any manufacture must be  
 exempted to be used in any such  
 manufacture. It is part of your duty to  
 see that the law is enforced in all  
 cases and to report any violations to the  
 proper authorities.

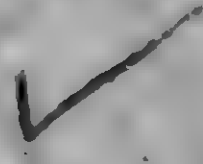
Very Respectfully  
 Yours,  
 J. B. [Signature]

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Quartermaster's Office  
Hunting Agency

Swallow  
Baltimore

Yours of the 3rd inst is at hand.  
The terms offered to you by one of our purchasing agents Mr. Baldwin are those of this office. These terms are uniform throughout the whole, and are not departed from in any instance, or in favor of any one, & are the same they always have been. The account you refer to as published in the "Lancaster News" is merely the idle remarks of the editor, and which he has in his paper of yesterday dated, corrected, to which permit me to refer you. The price double now for cotton when it is baled, is what we do when it is in the seed, this may have occasioned your error. At your request Mr. Baldwin will cancel your sale taking in the specie clause, and take half of your crop on the terms of the of the bottom purchase. I trust this is satisfactory to you and sufficient for your request.

Very respectfully  
J. M. Smith  
Quartermaster's Office



Wm. B. Smith  
 Esq.  
 New York City

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the "National Bank" and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours,  
 Wm. B. Smith

Very respectfully,  
 Wm. B. Smith

Quartermaster Office  
 Houston August 21, 1864

Capt. E. A. Trenchard  
 San Antonio  
 Captain

As soon as you can do so please  
 send Capt. E. A. Trenchard a supply  
 of baggage and other articles. The written in-  
 structions regarding this to be observed.

Very respectfully  
 Your obt. Servt.

Capt. E. A. Trenchard



Quartermaster's Office

Houston August 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

Wm. Holston Esq

Depot Agent Alherton

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you Copy of McRaldorne's report of Purchases as requested. also. Certifying Acct. S. J. Harrington 11 Bales \$516.<sup>00</sup> and Certificate of Purchase S. J. Turner 13 . . . 1158.<sup>00</sup> . . . —<sup>00</sup> —<sup>00</sup> please give them to the respective parties, and get their signatures to the Expenditures of Baggage & other which you will return to this Office.

Oswald's Lead. I send you Bill for the Lead (for them both Abstract Sales 93 Alherton). Received, return them signed name Oswald put their name in pencil - and then return to this Office. The enclosed Certificate for the Cotton belongs to Oswald as soon as you get their signatures to the 2 Touchers (Bill & Abstract Sales).

Re Loading for the 24 Bales shipped to Capt. Swickell San Antonio - has been received and has had my attention.

Yours truly

C. J. Wells Capt & Co 2nd

By Proxy.

Quakermaster of the  
Hudson August 1864

Major L. B. Donahoe

Huntsville

Major ~~Donahoe~~

✓  
Your forms of 18th ult and  
of the 1st and 4th inst have been received  
and are under consideration. The district allotted to  
you and Major Davis were changed, and several  
counties struck from your district because  
we considered you had much more to do  
than you could get through with, especially  
and thoroughly as you are. The districts  
are now arranged definitely and I believe  
generally satisfactory and I would prefer  
not to change them if it can be avoided, and  
there is not some special reason to the con-  
trary. The proclamation of President Davis  
you saw published was not an official  
copy and will not affect the Bureau. Arrange-  
ments are now being made to rectify any conflict  
there may be between the "Bureau" and the  
proclamation, when it is officially published.  
Very respectfully  
Your obt. Servt

Robert A. Gam



Mr. Russell  
San Antonio,

Cotton Bureau  
Houston, Tex.

Dear Sir,

On my return from Mexico  
I have your letter of the 30th.  
I am sorry to hear of the  
disappointment you have  
experienced. I will write you  
the delay. The Contracts with  
B. Edwards are my approval.  
and I presume that of the first.  
can readily be obtained, if required.  
I should have an order on  
length I wished to provide funds  
as required. as also of course dis-  
count to invoice the goods to  
my buyers at Thompson. If  
any articles contained in the purchase  
are not required in this Dept I  
can be easily transferred  
to others. Very Respectfully  
J. H. Thompson

Houston 11 Aug 1864  
 My dear friend

Waco Texas

On my return from the  
 I find your several papers of late  
 which I have read, with  
 great pleasure & great interest.  
 I will examine your communications  
 with care & endeavor to act upon  
 the contents in detail - I  
 moreover will call upon you  
 for some boxes of cotton. I  
 hope you will pitch in & find  
 yourself largely benefited  
 the cotton property.  
 Enclosed you have two letters  
 which I will thank you to  
 send forward with such information  
 as you can give. Our great trouble  
 now seems to be hay & straw.  
 I hope I can go to the west &  
 to get our affairs in better shape  
 than -  
 Very Respy  
 J. M. Smith



✓  
Houston, 11 May 1864

Dear Susan

I have read with great  
pleasure your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> &  
have replied. Apparently in brief &  
though well will furnish you  
with a full & accurate report for  
your information & action. To find  
the means for the transportation of  
cotton appears to be working  
better. But whatever thought will  
appear to think the Council will  
give the help which I desire.  
My own opinion is that the  
cotton profession is only - as I say  
hope will have to be provided a  
large quantity of the present  
is wholly inadequate.

Your transportation arrangements  
should be carefully made & that in  
case of the cotton to be moved  
I believe now the freight will be  
concentrated lower down in the State  
& leave few routes out in the East.  
As the rate we are now using  
the cotton, the sum will be

be easily accomplished  
 as soon as the organization for the  
 State is thoroughly perfected. I desire  
 after consultation with you  
 announce its existence in some  
 public shape - which may serve  
 to give information & furnish the  
 materials of letters with which  
 we are never provided.  
 I shall be to make arrangements  
 to take the stone of which I have  
 provided some satisfactory information  
 can be had with them as to the  
 number of payments. I hope you  
 will see that all the old stones  
 & the new stones now in your hands  
 are sent forward to Springfield  
 the friends of Capt. Barnard & others.  
 The officers in charge in charge of  
 persons will not hesitate to make  
 the transportation. I hope you  
 will impress upon Capt. Barnard the  
 importance of returning the  
 loaded with cotton & wool as  
 soon as it can be done.  
 Hoping to hear from you frequently

Yours truly  
 W. A. Burdett



Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 1864

Birmingham Aug  
Jesse Bottom

✓  
Yours of the 4th inst is recd. You state is  
land. There is no vacancy anywhere amongst  
purchasing agents of the Cotton Bureau.  
Very Respectfully  
Yours att. S. J.

Wm. J. Bottom

✓  
P. A. Graves Esq  
Columbus  
Sir

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 1864

✓  
Yours of the 6th inst is at hand. There  
is no vacancy anywhere in the Bureau. For  
an agency for the purchase of cotton.  
Respectfully  
Yours att. S. J.

*John A. Nelson*  
*Albany, N.Y.*

*Albany, N.Y.*  
*August 10/84*

*Dear Sir*  
*I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst.*  
*and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities.*

*Master's Office*  
*Houston August 10/84*

*John A. Nelson Esq. Agent*

*Albany, N.Y.*

*Sir*

*You are directed to receive from*  
*Mr. Wolf at your place six coils of*  
*ropeing and a lot of manilla rope and*  
*hold it for your own use, and that*  
*of neighboring agents.*

*Respectfully*  
*Yours*  
*J. G. Wells*

*John A. Nelson*  
*per Langue*





Mr. C. C. C. C. C.  
August 1844

Mr. C. C. C.  
C. C. C.

to

I send you by express  
two ten cent notes: making \$2.00  
The former is for same as the other  
is, \$1.00

Enclosed are  
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✓ Quartermaster's Office

Houston Aug 21. 1864

Major R. A. H. H. H.

San Antonio

Major

I am in receipt of your favor of 18<sup>th</sup> inst.

I am glad to hear from you & that you are well.

Your construction of the orders concerning the Port of San Antonio is correct. The orders are to be made out by the Quartermaster's Office in the case of applications for the same by the Port of San Antonio where the same are required to pass.

The instructions for the Port of San Antonio are certainly a very correct one in every respect, but in carrying you the same out of the Port is a question in this sense & you have the benefit of any doubt you might feel authorized to entertain for them.

Let me know what you today in reference to your opinion of the Port of San Antonio & the instructions to the Quartermaster's Office.

Your instructions to the Collector at San Antonio will facilitate Mr. Perkins very materially in the exportation of the Port of San Antonio. The Port at San Antonio City has been opened (San Antonio Barracks) and Mr.

which Edward appointed Agent at that time.  
 A statement is made in our possession that  
 you will be given a copy of an order  
 from the Ad. Gen. etc.

I am sorry you did not pass Mr. Fortunes  
 letter. I am satisfied, from the best infor-  
 mation I can obtain, that the Govt has  
 received an equivalent, and that the Agent,  
 Hard, has neglected to notify Col. Shackleton  
 of the fact. Hard is unwilling to do so,  
 I think his receipt will arrive in time  
 to prevent any loss to Mr. Fortunes.

Excepted Cases should always be taken  
 from the point where the government was  
 delivered to Govt. Excepted cases  
 may occur but they will be noted on the  
 paper. There is a great difference  
 between the two points. I think it  
 should at least constitute a reason for the  
 detection of the Govt for explanation.  
 If you have reason to think that the excepted  
 half has not been hauled from the same point  
 where the other half was turned over to Govt.  
 you may swear the party as to the facts.  
 As for the way in which the



some parties to exhibit the Tax Receipts -  
 I would suggest that you require the  
 owners of exemptions to produce the Tax  
 Receipt to you. I have a communication  
 from Mr. Burkham asking if Col. Hutchins  
 intends to require the Tax Receipt, and  
 one committee have that Col. H. did so up to  
 the 1<sup>st</sup> July, but that I have not time to  
 answer. I suggested to him to correspond  
 with you on the subject - My reason  
 for this continuing Col. H.'s practice was, that  
 some of my exemptions passed the Customs  
 out of the Country. If you will require  
 the evidence that the Tax has been paid  
 in money or in kind you can protect the  
 interests of the Treasury Department more  
 effectively than we can here.

I note what you say about Capt. Lyned  
 and approve your ideas as to what his  
 position should be. I will be glad  
 to see you at San Antonio, but as Col. Woodruff  
 leaves for San Antonio in a few days, it may  
 save you a trip if you receive the letter  
 you stand.

In my endorsement on Col. Hutchins' report.

I am guided entirely by my knowledge of the original transactions - My construction of Genl Smith's order in regard to transferred exemptions, is that it refers only to protection exemptions, and that where the Govt has received a valuable consideration the right to transfer, especially with the identical Cotton, is guaranteed to the holder. We have always presented this privilege to the parties dealing with the Cotton Office, as an additional inducement, for them to yield to the demand of the Govt -

Very respectfully  
 Yours obt servt  
 Geo. B. Wells  
 Capt. Regt.



Quartermaster's Office

Houston August 20th

Landen Cannon Esq Agt

Campney

Sir

Your order of the 14th inst is at hand. Your instructions to Mr. Stone relative to repairing the Bloomfield Cotton is off. In St. Thelwell's case I cannot see that any exception can be made from the usual rules of the office. Genl Smith will not exempt any more parties from the rule of establishing property. I have written to Capt Cyrus relative to Bremer case. The instructions of this office require you in extreme cases, to represent to Genl Magruder through this office, parties who refuse to sell cotton. has been considered. That here after you will in all cases, represent about parties to the regular ~~business~~ in the office for pecuniary interest in this action. We have found it necessary to get out a ~~special~~ <sup>special</sup> order in this case. Where a party has no one to represent him we have the authority to do so.

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Cotton Bureau, Trans Miss. Repts.  
Houston, July 30. 1864.

Sixty days after sight of this first of Exchange  
(Account of same tenor and date unpaid) pay to the order  
of P. C. Bethel, Thirteen thousand, seven hundred &  
eighty dollars, in coin, - payable out of the proceeds  
of Government Cotton - and charge to my Official  
account, with or without further advice.

To H. H. Perkins Esq.

Genl. Command. U.S.

Matamoros, Mexico.

C. S. Wells  
Capt & Agent.

2nd  
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Cotton Bureau, Trans Miss. Repts.  
Houston, July 30. 1864.

Sixty days after sight of this second of Exchange  
(first of same tenor and date unpaid) pay to the order of  
P. C. Bethel, Thirteen thousand, seven hundred & eighty  
dollars, in coin - payable out of the proceeds of Govern-  
ment Cotton - and charge to my Official account,  
with or without further advice.

To H. H. Perkins Esq.

Genl. Command. U.S.

Matamoros, Mexico.

C. S. Wells  
Capt & Agent.

Houston July 20th 1849  
 Dr. Lacey  
 Editor of Caddo Gazette  
 Sir

My attention has been called  
 to an editorial in your paper, reflecting severely upon the <sup>conduct</sup> of the  
 Bureau, and as the Chief of that Department will be <sup>construed</sup> as  
 being intended to apply to myself. I respectfully ask leave to  
 inquire whether or not you designed to assail me, and if so your  
 authority for the imputations thus published,

My <sup>conduct</sup> ~~conduct~~ as an  
 officer is at all times subject to investigation. The record of every  
 thing with which I have been connected, is at all times at the disposal  
 of yourself or any Committee of gentlemen, who prompted by proper  
 and honorable motives, may desire to examine into <sup>conduct</sup> ~~conduct~~ my  
 official <sup>conduct</sup> ~~conduct~~, with such facilities for ascertaining yourself  
 as to the <sup>correctness</sup> ~~correctness~~ or <sup>error</sup> ~~error~~ of the <sup>imputations</sup> ~~imputations~~ made by you in the  
 publication referred to. I am at a loss to understand your object in  
 endeavoring thus to reflect upon my official as well as private  
 Character. I do not <sup>concede</sup> ~~concede~~ to you, the right, to <sup>figure</sup> ~~figure~~ <sup>assail</sup> ~~assail~~ me  
 and I trust Sir, that your sense of justice will prompt you  
 to examine <sup>thoroughly</sup> ~~thoroughly yourself with regard to the <sup>result</sup> ~~result~~ of the <sup>conduct</sup> ~~conduct~~  
 my connection therewith, and that the <sup>result</sup> ~~result~~ will influence you  
 to make the reparation which is my due.~~

I am

Very Respectfully



To the Editor  
of Essex Register.

for -

Houston, Texas, 4<sup>th</sup> July 1872

Mr. Editor your paper has been kind  
enough reflecting upon the Cotton Bureau. and as the chief  
of such institution upon myself.

I demand a <sup>such</sup> withdrawal of the language em-  
ployed. To such an extent as you reflected upon my honor  
or character as a gentleman. If you disclose the  
authorship. I will disregard any gentleman. to whom  
you can attribute reports prejudicial to my standing. and  
who will be responsible for them; I will look to him  
for satisfaction. If you are laboring under a misapprehension  
of facts. my official conduct is subject to investigation.  
If my own influence by a <sup>small</sup> <sup>part</sup> of Justice or desire for  
information. The records of the office at Thompson's  
showing every transaction for which I am responsible.  
will be shown on your application.

I trust Sir; your sense of Justice will <sup>influence you to</sup> <sup>repeal</sup> the  
disposition. which is my desire. I am unconscious  
having done any thing wrong. In this connection  
you are informed that I have no connection whatever.  
with A. W. McKim. No agent of the Treasury Dept.  
has bought Cotton under instructions from Hon. G. B. McClellan  
or has nothing by my direction.

I am not advised as to what extent you can  
serve yourself. behind your position as a public <sup>journalist</sup> <sup>man</sup>  
but by permission to inform you that I recognize  
your right to publish or circulate anything  
as far as I am concerned.

Very Respectfully  
Yours at foot  
W. H. Broadwell.

General

Anneton July 1, 1864

My observation at this place has given me great  
 insight into the scope of supplies for the armies in this  
 Department and influences me to submit herewith an  
 estimate of the quantity which it is believed  
 will be needed to meet and relieve the necessities of the Mil-  
 itary Service.

The probable cost is estimated  
 in specie, and the quantity of Cotton required to purchase  
 them is also shown.

It may be that these stores will  
 not all be required to cover the deficiency, not supplied  
 by the Country. But I think when you consider that a portion  
 of the army were barefooted during the past winter. That  
 soldiers slept upon the ground without blankets or tents, as also  
 the present destitution, together with the fact that the Gov't  
 warehouses are empty, that they cannot be replenished from  
 the resources of the Country, <sup>however</sup> <sup>boundaries</sup> as it is of <sup>boundaries</sup> <sup>boundaries</sup>  
 Machine Shops, Factories, & Workshops. That no surplus  
 would be found if by any possibility a much larger  
 quantity could be obtained.

The difficulties of acquiring Cotton  
 as also of transporting it in a Department like this together  
 with the opposition to the plans of the Gov't. and failure of the  
 Treas. Office. has awakened in my mind great apprehension  
 which I deem it my duty to frankly lay before you.

The quantity of baled Cotton in this State will prob-  
 -ably fall short of Eighty thousand (80,000) Bales of  
 which I understand over 30,000 Bales have been engaged



consider the State plan of Gov. Murrah; and if the right to export a like quantity is awarded and guaranteed by the State, but say, 500 Bales will be sufficient for the South of which only 500 Bales can be imported under your order.

If these estimates are exaggerated I will thank you to correct them. If the articles enumerated can be purchased at less prices than those named - I would be glad to have the market designated. It may be that more than 500 bales can be realized by a judicious system of transportation & exportation but I do not consider it safe to rely upon this, and even if successful in reaching a market that would yield an amount in excess of 500 bales 'net' any surplus thus acquired would most probably be absorbed by contingencies not included in the list. I furnished you

It is believed, General, that a contemplation of this subject in all its bearings, will excite in reflecting minds the deepest concern for the safety of this Department. I would <sup>advise</sup> you that the present military organization cannot be maintained in it without such supplies as can only be obtained through the medium of cotton. I am not informed as to what extent you can rely upon the Governor of this State through the use of cotton <sup>under his</sup> control, exportable as the exclusive property of the State. The exigencies of our Condition certainly warrant an appeal to his Excellency for such co-operation & aid as can be properly entailed by him. If it becomes a <sup>a question</sup> of supply or no supply, I do not see how the Governor can hesitate. Every dictate of patriotism, as well as of interest should

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prompt and a cordial support of the present  
efforts to procure Cotton. He recognizes in his message  
the sad consequences of a redundant <sup>and</sup> irredeemable  
currency, and deprecates the evils to be experienced from  
funding and further inflation. He proposes to put gold in  
the treasury of the State and is doubtless appreciative  
of the economy that will result in conducting its affairs  
on a sound basis than paper. His own judgment must  
convince him that without money or credit we cannot carry  
on war, and without Cotton in the present condition of things  
we cannot command money or credit. The alternative  
is presented, shall we use the Cotton properly if provided which  
is necessary or shall the arms be directed to the Country  
thus open to the enemy.

The responsibility is distinctly & clearly  
upon Gov. Murray. The gentlemen composing the Texas  
Cotton office affirm that but for the operations of the  
your order for Supplies and Cotton could have been secured.  
These operations have been almost entirely suspended since the  
State plan was inaugurated, & his transactions have been covered  
with odium through the malicious misrepresentations of agents  
of the State. Their efforts to do good have resulted in nothing  
and they suspended operations in the most complete disgust.

I cannot believe that Gov. Murray was accurately informed  
as to the effect of his action or the necessity of the public  
choice, had such been the case, he would certainly have re-  
frained from a course of action so dangerous & embarrassing.  
Certainly he cannot now demand upon any principle of  
equity or justice the exportation of Cotton in violation.



law and the regulations announced by you <sup>under it</sup>.  
 I do not assume that the Military Authorities  
 cannot permit the exportation of Cotton under the  
 State plan. Or not the exclusive property of the State  
 without violation of General Cass's late order, requiring  
 and compelling the Military authorities to direct all  
 Cotton moving in the direction of a port of entry  
 shall be <sup>covered</sup> by a permit from the Officer designated  
 in the order. In my opinion not only should the  
 law and regulations be rigidly enforced, but the  
 Governor should be appealed to if possible persuaded  
 to divert from the exportation of Bonafide State Cotton  
 as long as the troops are without supplies — as a  
 confession for any magnanimity he may show in this  
 respect and in consideration of his avoiding conflict  
 or competition with the Government. I beg respectfully  
 to recommend that you renew your offer of 5 March  
 last, to furnish the State at the proper time. 5, or  
 10,000 Bales of Government Cotton which I will cheer-  
 fully undertake to furnish — but without rigid  
 enforcement of the laws & regulations, you can look  
 forward to anarchy & demoralization in the Country  
 and failure & further disgrace to myself.

Referring you to previous com-  
 munications on this subject for such information  
 as is not herewith supplied you, I have the honor to

Very Respectfully  
 Yours obedt Servant  
 Colonel J. Kirby Smith  
 Comd'g Trans Miss Div

Very Respectfully  
 Your obedt Servant

W. A. Broadwell

Mr. Seal W. H. Small.  
 Sealout.

I propose  
 to Seal the Shorelands Prove  
 here of it. drafts upon  
 against shipments of hides  
 with other means. I will provide  
 the number of each bag or box  
 shall be marked as being from the  
 to be means of inspection & affirmed  
 at the 1st day of the month  
 to enable the board to liquidate the debts  
 these contracts. I will mean the collar  
 in each county as you designate say to the  
 extent of 2 or 3000 bales. Said collar  
 to be transported by sea & delivered to your  
 the land. whereas with the understanding  
 that one half the collar is to be given you  
 for planning the other half retained by the board  
 on the board. whereas the self planned  
 on the board to emerge to some good  
house in London. I will drafts payable  
out of the proceeds for the indebtedness  
the board providing the 2000 rupees. Say  
very truly  
Yours faithfully

H. H. Meyer



Cotton Bureau Trans Miss. Dept  
Memphis June 23rd 1864

Sir

The enclosed papers will acquaint Capt Chas. Wells with where your correspondence in future will be conducted. It is desirable to remain connected with the office to control the disposition of the Cotton required in the Government in this State.

You will inform the people that any law sold by them on the terms now proposed will not exclude themselves applied but judiciously used by him for the support of our army.

You are expected to submit to the holders of Cotton in your District the prices from D. J. and G. on that subject. It is believed they will see the advantage of an immediate acceptance of the terms proposed. The acquisition of Cotton promptly will enable the Government to supply the pressing wants of the army before winter and relieve the Commanding General of the solicitude now felt by him — where as if Slaves refuse to sell the cruel impressment cause delay and deprive themselves of the privilege to export a like quantity and lose claim to any portion of the specie payment promised those who accede willingly to the proposals of the Government.

You are authorized to purchase all the Cotton in your District within a reasonable period from this date, say 30 days, or point out what is to be purchased so that it can be impounded.

In giving information to the military authorities upon  
which impressment will be made you are desired  
to make a proper distinction between those who have  
responded already in whole or in part to the previous  
calls of the Govt (or its officers) and those who have  
refused to do so

Some may claim exemption on the  
ground that the Cotton in their possession is the property  
of a State. You will inform such that Gen Smith's  
orders are to impress Cotton unless it is known to be the  
exclusive property of a State and to release it only  
when it is proven to be bona fide State property.  
You will infer that some distinction that  
impressment if necessary should be made in a  
manner that will least array the people against  
the Govt. and first of all upon those who have  
hitherto contributed none or only a small portion  
of their Cotton - but I presume it will be more  
necessary for you to call upon the impressing officers  
than by a practical application of the impressment  
act promptly, on some unpatriotic men, that the  
General is really in earnest.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servt

W. A. Ormswell

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Stoughton June 29<sup>th</sup> 1864  
 Messrs Miller & Brother Executors  
 of the estate of John P. McKim  
 Boston

Dear Sirs  
 You will please  
 take notice that John Stewart is the owner  
 of a Certificate of deposit signed by S. R.  
 McKim dated Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1863 for \$800.  
 deposited by the General Light payable at the  
 Office of Messrs. McKim & McKim Matamoros  
 and endorsed by the Light & the said which  
 is endorsed by Messrs. McKim & McKim Matamoros  
 for collection their payment of which has  
 been refused by Messrs. McKim & McKim.  
 You are also further notified not to pay  
 the amount of said Certificate to any person  
 except to John Stewart or to his order  
 Very respectfully  
 J. P. Good

Referring to the above I beg permission to  
 inform Messrs Miller & Bros. that my efforts to  
 collect the \$800. deposit note of S. R. McKim  
 by my overman have from to this time  
 proved unsuccessful. The original evidence of  
 the deposit with authority to draw for the amt  
 was lost accounts in the hands of Mr. Pugh - red-  
 rector who failed to obtain any satisfaction from  
 the parties to whom it was presented. I have di-  
 rected this Certificate returned here and will  
 thank Messrs Miller & Bros. to provide for  
 its redemption upon presentation by me only





It will surely be seen that I am not  
 less than a person. Should in the present  
 - and I should like to see the house of some  
 else and be improperly paid. The object  
 of the letter is not only to give you  
 some information, but to urge that you  
 should be careful to pay me consistently  
 and I am already being seriously  
 concerned as to the use of this money.  
 I am dependent on the use of this money  
 my friends' reputations made by each.  
 I am sure that you will be as to  
 the high standing of your firm - its  
 promptness, punctuality & responsibility - in  
 covering me to leave that I shall  
 be subjected to no further delay or  
 difficulty.

Yours truly  
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison

I am sure that you will be as to  
 the high standing of your firm - its  
 promptness, punctuality & responsibility - in  
 covering me to leave that I shall  
 be subjected to no further delay or  
 difficulty.

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To the Honorable Office  
 of the Secretary of the  
 Navy, Washington, D.C.  
 Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the application of the late Mr. [Name] for a commission in the Navy. I am sorry to hear that the application has not been successful, and I am sure that the authorities will be very anxious to do justice to all applicants. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 [Signature]

giving you the correct quantity of his crop,  
purchased half of what here presents; and  
report the balance with the fact, to the  
at an improvement officer of your district  
E. G. May has not used once any cotton  
to the Bureau here. Bagging and rope can  
be furnished for the same. Baled cotton is  
not for cotton baled. Baled cotton is  
be furnished a considerable quantity. So  
all cotton to the Rail-road for shipment  
to this place. All cotton on the line of the  
rail-roads and east of it comes here.

Respectfully

Yours truly

Baynes



Quartermaster's Office

Houston, Aug 11. 1864

John Valentine Esq. Atty.

Alleyton

Sir.

I have your favor of 8th inst & note contents. Mr. Percy sends you the Lead papers in another letter. The exemption for the cotton has been sent to General A. C.

Mr. D. Hoff has offered you \$5000.00 & you declined to receive it. This has been purchased from Mr. Reschmann especially for your report & the neighboring agencies & I have sent you an order to receive it.

Keep the Division order off as long as you can & then send it to me for payment, - or if you have the money to advance to do, & it will be repaid you here. I am advised of specie funds coming to me from Mexico for the purpose of paying freight.

Mr. Reschmann 125 Bales } By these two  
D. Hoff } orders as early  
as you possibly can - Having them up must  
at the liberty you possess I will consider  
it a particular favor - Very respectfully

G. C. Webb

C. C. Webb

Inspection Office  
Houston August 21, 1864

H. John Esq Agt  
Richmond

Sir

Yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst has been received,  
I have applied for the transfer of the detail  
of W. J. Smith as requested. You can let Mrs  
Brown have the exemption if you are perfectly  
satisfied that she will let you have the cotton  
as she promises. I leave the matter in your  
discretion and shall consider you responsible  
for the matter. I will write Capt Shugart  
and enclose him the order to Capt Wolf for the  
exemption of the cotton of the parties therein  
named, and the letter of Mr. B. E. Smith, and request  
his specific order and positive attention to the  
parties therein named. I will hold your state-  
ment to that effect as requested.

Very Respectfully  
Yours att Int.

Capt & A. G. M.



Quartermaster Office

Houston August 11, 1864

Capt. B. Shropshire

La Grange

Sir

Enclosed I send you a letter from B. E. Smith of Fort Bent County which will explain itself, and a special order directed to Capt. Wolf to impound the cotton of the parties therein named. Capt. Wolf could not execute the order on account of his having been unexpectedly removed to Galveston. Please make it convenient to visit Fort Bent County and give Mr. Smith and the parties mentioned in the order to Capt. Wolf. Your official attention, as early as practicable. No more special orders for impoundment will be issued for, as it occupies too much time, but all matters for impoundment will be left for your action.

Very Respectfully  
Your off. Servt

Capt & A. G. W.

Quartermaster's office  
 Canton August 21, 1864

Major W. P. Baughin

Major

Yours of the 18th inst is at hand. I  
 have already written Capt Smithells to send  
 Capt Harris and Mr Crook a supply of bagging  
 and rope

Very Respectfully  
 Yours etc

Quartermaster's office  
 Canton August 21, 1864

Major A. H. Willie  
 Gonzales

Major

I am sorry to hear that  
 in answer to your several favors -  
 that Mr. Smithells desires leaving for  
 San Antonio in a few days, and  
 writes to you that the  
 it will reach you in time -

Very Respectfully  
 Yours etc  
 L. H. Smith  
 Capt W. P. Baughin



Col. H. B. Brown June 11. 1864.  
 Register, Aug. 10. 1864.  
 H. H. Garrison Esq. of  
 No. 10, Orange, Texas

Sir,  
 In order to remove the feeling existing  
 in consequence of the letter given to Col. H. B.  
 Brown by Genl. Broadwell, I will state  
 that it was not intended to give Col. Brown  
 a monopoly of the East Transportation. He  
 represented then that he could control a large  
 amount of transportation, & to secure it, in view  
 of the probable scarcity of teams, Genl. Broadwell  
 gave the opportunity upon which Col. Brown acts.  
 But as the revenue proves to be the case, and  
 Col. Brown has not the power to control the  
 transportation without injustice to the owners of  
 teams, of course he is not entitled to a liberal  
 construction of his opportunity. As soon,  
 therefore, as you have loaded the teams  
 actually ordered by him, you may proceed  
 to load any other teams offering without  
 regard to Col. Brown -

Very respectfully,  
 Wm. L. Hall  
 Capt. Regt. N.





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And your condition in enclosure no 12  
 your letter of 25<sup>th</sup> ult is to leave  
 covering notes for the maintenance of  
 my family. I hope you will  
 please in family & spend yourself  
 largely, and not hesitate to  
 exercise your best judgment &  
 discretion in the absence of specific  
 instructions. You are permitted to  
 be better equipped to work in the  
 spirit which I am to direct at the  
 distance. If your intention is in-  
 -suff with what is what a copy  
 will be given it.

You do not propose to do any  
 thing, and you seem to be  
 -suff in doing so.  
 I say, & that my letters have not  
 reached you.

as soon as I get the news after  
 thoroughly verifying it. Still however  
 its relation to some tangible object  
 evidence to bring you in sight.  
 The only way to get result  
 from your operations. in "matters"  
 If you wish to I may be able



to get her to come  
- I think of interesting very long  
the business. which may  
reduce the business in various  
but for your transaction much to  
heavy - I will do my thing  
in my power to assist you.  
and I am satisfied for to  
and for. You have one of  
the best students most reliable  
men in the history for long of  
the world. We are out of any other  
man it badly -

of the friends. Therefore you his  
 friends in accordance with my purpose  
 return. receive them & send them  
 to the army. I shall look after  
 the custom of the country in  
 accordance. about my letter -  
 If the goods are not delivered  
 your thoughts you can conclude  
 the matter well. The object  
 of my letter was to settle the business  
 without delay. It seems that the books  
 would be supplied in time.

did not contain the catalogue as it  
 I desire to do the whole full  
 but a transaction which I have desired  
 with me at the time he left here.  
 with my name at all to a  
 name - the one claiming  
 the cotton of the state to  
 measure means & only to  
 I don't wish to put me in  
 but am trying to look up  
 to get me the whole of the matter  
 to require the right to dictate  
 equitable terms - you can see  
 for being called upon for  
 full measure of your money  
 & liberty - hoping to have from  
 you frequently - both black  
 & white to forward \$20.00 - 25  
 for some starting charges in a  
 few days which will be sent  
 to you - I am very truly  
 your friend

With kindest regards to Mrs. R. -  
 I am ever your friend  
 Wm. C. R.



Quartermasters' Office  
Havahaw, Aug 22. 1864

Major J. C. Thomas  
Chf B.S. Havahaw Tex.

Majors. I have the honor to request  
detail of the following men for  
service with the Cotton Bureau, in the  
transportation of Govt. Cotton -

E. A. Rice - 20 yrs - 5ft - light complexion  
dark hair, blue eyes - Farmer - native of  
Alabama -

John M. Kelso - 20 yrs - 5ft - dark complexion  
dark hair - dark eyes - Farmer - native  
of Tennessee -

Please order the men to report to me  
here for assignment to duty -

Very respectfully  
Yours obt  
C. C. Will  
Capt & Agt.







Quartermaster's Office

August 12/64

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the detail of J. F. Brown as detailed in the requisition of this office requiring some leading agents to represent to Genl. Magraw of the Ohio Office for imprisonment. The custom of parties who refuse to call, and you will doubtless in all cases represent the recusant party with the facts of the case to the regularly appointed receiving office of this district. I have

and it occupies so much time to have a special order of apprehension. In regard to the ~~other~~ obtained by the ~~district~~ and as one of it is a ~~refusal~~ and ~~some~~ ~~from~~ ~~Ohio~~ owing to the ~~district~~.

I am obliged your cent and on or your order, but do not do so. All others on the

of the railroad come to the point of you have any person on the ~~point~~ and

for your list at your own ~~discretion~~ ~~discretion~~ ~~discretion~~

Respectfully, J. F. Brown

Sept 2nd 1864



Quartermaster's Office  
 Houston Aug 12. 1864  
 William English  
 General

Your letter of the 25th inst. recd at  
 Capt. Duncan at San Antonio. He is  
 charged with the settlement of all of  
 your Yards business, and has charge of all cotton  
 grown at the "Fort Cotton", and I refer you to  
 for any direction concerning it. I will  
 Major Willie to forward a permit for  
 the exportation of the cotton of W.G.  
 to you. Arrangements have been made  
 which permits can be easily be obtained  
 of course from Capt. W.G. I hope this  
 will save the out of the way trip to San An-  
 to.

Very Respectfully

Genl. W.G.

W.G.

Wm. H. Paine Esq. City of New York  
 New York, Aug. 12. 1864  
 Dear Sir, I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

relative to the transportation of the arms and accoutrements of the 1st Regt. Col. Bussard's Co. I have to-day obtained the reports of S. H. Rice & Co. of New York, and have suggested to them that they should with the least delay forward to this office a copy of the manifest of the arms and accoutrements, and also a copy of the bill of lading thereon, so that Col. Bussard may have the necessary authority, granted by Col. Bussard, unless he furnishes his own receipts. Col. Bussard's endorsement will appreciate the necessity for continuing this authority under the circumstances, and will facilitate the needed arrangements more difficult than it is, by continuing the dissatisfaction of the Government with Col. Bussard's has created amongst the other owners of transportation.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Paine

Esq. City of New York

Wm. H. Paine



Excellency  
Honorable Member -  
Dear Sir -  
Leiston 12th June  
I am very sorry 2-22  
Houston, Texas

My plans for the Cotton  
of the duties represented by you. (I have  
has been the time of its instructions.  
to you 25th July) I am to apply  
of the Cotton means under the same  
of the duties (delivered goods) on a part of  
now in receipt of the duty the  
of 50 per cent in Cotton on receiving  
for duties. The remaining 50 per cent  
I hope would be liquidated out of the  
duties which has been set apart for  
duties in the district of my 8.000  
2d. certify account. Constituting  
of the form of a much  
character. I had hoped to be  
presented in a manner satisfactory to you  
and Cotton to be agreed in the immediate  
which on creation under Control of  
the matter. but to proceed for Country  
which may arise. I have ordered the  
of the Cotton to be sold in  
I beg to inform you that the  
of great results attending Cotton  
all which all that can be done must  
shall be done. With you and myself  
to be done. With you and myself



I have disapproved of the cotton  
 to an extent, and I have  
 of course, but I will not  
 change my mind. I am a  
 free trader, and I am  
 for the free trade of the  
 world. I am for the  
 free trade of the world.

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and  
 wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are  
 well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but  
 I have managed to find some time to write to you.  
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Superintendent's Office,

Portland Aug 22. 1841.

Received from 12. 1. 1.

Major H. H. Wells

San Antonio,

Major H. H. Wells

I am informed by Mr. H. H. Wells the Agent of the United States Office at Lancaster of the arrival there of 4000 lbs Cotton belonging to Mr. H. H. Council, which Cotton was shipped by

St. Louis, under a contract with the Agent at Lancaster, approved by Lord St. Albans, subject to division with the Agent at Lancaster. The Agent, under the provisions of the Act, is now without a permit for his goods.

Please therefore send the Agent a permit for H. H. Council for 4000 lbs Cotton, being the half of 8000 lbs transported by him to Lancaster. You can file this letter as your authority.

Direct Mr. St. Albans to send you his certificate that the other 4000 lbs has been shipped over to Great Britain. His certificate to be filed with this letter.

Very respectfully,

John A. Smith

Dr. H. H. Wells

Capt. & R. J. T.

Agent's Office  
 Havana Aug. 12. 1878  
 Mr. H. S. Gurneys  
 Adm. Sec. Dept. of War

I have the honor to request the  
 detail of  
 Private George S. G. of Menards with  
 Country Co.

for service in the Cuban Bureau D. S. G.

The subject services are required as clerk in the  
 Agent's Office at Pinar del Rio, and  
 his long acquaintance with Cuban in all  
 branches eminently qualifies him for  
 the position.

Please order him to report to  
 Mr. Col. Broadwell or to me for assign-  
 ment to duty.

Very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant

W. S. Kelly  
 Capt. U. S. A.  
 on duty in Cuban Bureau



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Very Respectfully  
 Yours  
 Wm. L. G. S.

Wm. L. G. S.



Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Wash D.C.  
June 10, 1894

One of the objects, with a view to contract  
for hauling cotton is at hand.

Major Charles Russell of  
San Antonio is the agent and chief of  
transportation corps. and to him I refer  
you for any instructions you may require  
for contracting to haul cotton

Very Respectfully  
Yours etc.

Wm. H. Murray

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 24, 1864

Wm. H. Fennell Esq

Sir,

Yours of the 21st inst. regarding contract  
for hauling cotton is at hand.

Major Charles F. Felt of  
San Antonio is the agent and chief of  
transportation corps. and to him I refer  
you for any instructions you may require  
for contracting to haul cotton.

Very Respectfully  
Yours etc. S. A.

Wm. H. Fennell



Quartermaster Office 30  
Houston August 22, 1864

Major L. C. Roush

Yantisville

Major

Yours of the 5th has been received,  
I have as requested made application for the  
detail of Mr. Baker of the 9th Brown Regiment  
as agent for Trinity County.

Very Respectfully  
Yours etc. S. J.

Capt. A. J. M.

Quartermaster Office  
Houston August 22, 1864

St. R. J. Samuel

St. R. J. Samuel, District Agent, New Mexico and Arizona

I have the honor to request the detail  
of Mr. Baker, I wrote in to 9th Brown Regt  
as an agent of the Cotton Bureau, for the  
purchase of cotton in the County of Trinity.  
Please order him to report  
to me for assignment as agent.

Very Respectfully  
Yours etc. S. J.

Quartermaster's Office  
March 29. 1862

*Wm. Brewster.*

I have in receipt of your favour of 16th.  
 last week contents. I shall give you a  
 reply to your letter of 16th. —  
 I have been misunderstanding about the  
 draft on Mr. Perkins. I understood it  
 to be at sixty days sight. It gives you a  
 privilege, it might as well give you a draft  
 at sight at once. Our object was to give  
 Mr. Perkins time to provide for its payment,  
 which he could not do if it was due on  
 spot on order presented.  
 I offered Mr. Perkins the draft at  
 60 days in advance, but he told me  
 you were generally entitled to a draft  
 on 60 days. I left the matter for you  
 to settle.

Very respectfully  
Yours truly  
C. C. Hall  
April 29. 08.



Postmaster's Office,  
London, Aug 18 1864

*H. Rosenberg, Secy.*

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H. Rosenberg Esq.  
Englewood, Colo.  
as to receipt of your favor of Sept  
10th & note contents -

I am sorry you are not satisfied with the great  
legislation claimed for the House. The truth is, it  
was the fact that the matter was so short that the  
Cotton Office was entirely knocked out of operation by  
the legislation, and for a while it looked as if no  
more Cotton could be acquired for that year.

As the letters you got to me were open in your  
 possession, I think you will still be able to retract  
 it. In order to make you comfortable as well as I.  
 Can I send you an order on Capt Marshall the  
 San Antonio collector you the balance - say  
 the balance of \$100.00 - is attaching herewith  
 above at the the balance paid for San Antonio.  
 say \$10.00. Half of the balance of \$10.00 I will give  
 a copy of the order so that you may send him  
 or your friend in San Antonio to forward the  
 balance to you. Sincerely  
 Yours truly  
 Wm. L. Marshall

*Very respectfully*

*James M. Smith*

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San Antonio Office.

San Antonio Aug. 23. 1854

Capt. J. B. Smith.

San Antonio, Tex.

Capt.

The San Antonio Office and the King  
Research in March last \$5000.00.

These paid him a short time ago.

in return of less amount,

now \$6

leaving Balance due of

\$5008.94.

You will please pay this Balance to  
him in return on any bill or better,  
paying it at the old market price - say  
about 25¢. fifty of \$1. But thirty of \$1. for the  
returning his Receipt, worth of his goods for the  
amount of Cotton delivered. Not many value  
as a matter of simple justice I am sure Mr.  
B. to have good return, and trust it will be  
as your power to give him such return of \$5.  
Please also furnish him with a journal by  
filing with my bill your receipts of the  
delivery of the Cotton.

Very respectfully,

Francis J. Smith

C. B. Smith

Capt. J. B. Smith



Dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter.

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to obtain a satisfactory result in your endeavor. I am, however, confident that you will be able to obtain a satisfactory result in your endeavor.

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Very respectfully,  
 J. H. H. H.

Wm. A. H.

Quartermaster Office  
August 29, 1864

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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My dearest father  
you are my heart

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Quartermaster's Office

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Houston August 28th 1864

✓  
Dear R. M. Jones

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Dear

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Dear

✓  
Yours of the 21st regarding the  
of J. H. Fleming has been received. I have  
now sent you the same as requested.

Very respectfully  
Yours &c.

Wm. H. Jones

✓  
 Dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

Yours very truly,  
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✓  
 Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

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 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours very truly,  
 Wm. Mackenzie

Very Respectfully

Yours very truly

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours very truly,  
 Wm. Mackenzie

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Prothonotary Office  
November 29, 1874

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July 1890

Hammer, receipt of money for postage  
through the United States, is beyond the  
time of last letter -

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Warranting Office  
 11th May 1864

Mr. Perkin Cap.

Special Agent. - London.

I have in receipt of your letter of 10th inst. & in answer to it.

My object in requesting you to receipt for the  
 Cotton and you printed say statement, is that  
 I want some evidence for the property & I  
 understand you are a devoted agent, and as  
 such your receipt will be sufficient evidence  
 to me.

The contract with King & Co. was considered here  
 long enough to make it plain and binding, and I  
 think you will see through it when you have time to  
 consider it. It has the merit of being of offering  
 a sufficient relief. The fact that change of the  
 Cotton from the original value is of the difficulty &  
 the fact of having it - placed in a different form  
 is a great advantage in many cases  
 where capital can be purchased with it to more  
 advantage than here or in the States.

Very respectfully  
 Yours  
 E. C. Kirk  
 Capt. Ragot



Intermarriage Office  
Houston August 24/64

Major J. Thomas  
Chief Ensign's Office, Mexican District of Texas  
Major

I have the honor to request the details of  
Ensign.

James T. Brimmer 27 years, 5 ft 10 in. Dark eyes,  
light hair, by occupation a  
farmer a native of Georgia  
and resided on the edge of the  
state in the same family.

The service of Mr. Brimmer is important to the  
Mexican Bureau, as an assistant to the  
at the office. The agent of the  
having more work than he can accomplish,  
Please order him to  
spend his time for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully,  
J. M. L. L.

Wm. R. L. L.

✓  
Quartermaster's Office  
Manatee Bay, Fla.

✓  
Capt. J. C. Smith

San Antonio, Tex.

Capt. ✓ I am in receipt of your favor  
of 10th inst. and thank you.

I approve your suggestion about the Transit act -  
and shall adopt it. I have been under the im-  
pression that you would accept the Commission  
become a Private at Camp Officers. I hoped so,  
or any rate, as I particularly desire to have some  
one at San Antonio who knows how to keep matters  
straight as well as you do. Hereafter I will look  
again to you for an account of the others. You will  
charge your account as I am advised of shipments  
to you?

✓  
Capt. Hatcher has replied to yours of 5th inst. -  
I have requested you to deliver a small lot of  
Cotton to W. R. R. as per copy enclosed. As  
H. also draws on you for 200 lbs for W. R. R.  
Black, in payment of Blankets & Coy. Capt. H.  
delivered to R. R. R. - both of which, and I  
trust you will find it convenient to sell -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. S. Wells

Capt. & Co.



Cotton Bureau Genl. Insp. Dept.  
 Kentucky Aug. 18. 1862

I. C. R. Dept.  
 Washington D.C.

Yours very full letter of 25<sup>th</sup> July  
 has received during my temporary absence from  
 the State. I have given to the several suggestions of  
 points made by you a careful consideration & shall  
 endeavor to remedy the evils pointed out by you. & to  
 facilitate the preparation of facilities for men & machinery  
 to improve the efficiency of the Bureau on the  
 the ground.

The agents of this Bureau in this District in-  
 structions were directed to make an equal division of  
 Cotton & other goods, both in quantity & quality. The former have  
 usually represented the weight & quality of the Cotton examined  
 & to save the duty of the agents at the point of sale to see  
 that the goods are of the same quality, conformable to the promise which  
 is made. The Cotton which is forwarded for division  
 on the two banks should be equally divided & the agents are  
 advised that they will be held strictly liable for any failure  
 to do the good full justice in the division.

Yours very truly  
 affording greater facilities to exporters in procuring their



Permits in going to the Lower Rio Grande are  
 adapted. Arrangements have been made to furnish  
 Capt. Smith as General Agent for our outfit and permit  
 to be filled up by him as occasion may require.  
 It became necessary that he should get some kind  
 of permit to cross the river to the line of travel  
 it will be done. Some of the blacksmiths may also  
 be placed if necessary with the pack train. But it is  
 thought that the necessity for this will not be  
 frequent. All cattle must be covered by permit before  
 it can cross the Rio Grande. The present  
 orders in force will render any delay. found beyond  
 the boundary on the lower side or San Antonio on the upper  
 side liable to immediate seizure. as also the train transporting  
 it. I told your friends touching  
 Martin Rigg & others. I thought that this was for  
 the purpose, entirely dispaired of. The order found of  
 no quarter was made. which required the exception  
 to apply to the identical cotton, originally intended that  
 it should cover. Prohibiting the exportation of cotton  
 under the permits which have flooded the market at present.  
 The order was especially applicable to this case &  
 it became my unpleasant duty to say to them that the train  
 covered by the permits which had been indiscriminately  
 loaded should be taken out. Will not go out. The



with them. I have with this small quantity have  
followed the course to Matamoros without relief  
from the operations of the Order.

With reference to the market  
I would suggest that I see no necessity for making  
purchases at Matamoros. upon any advance on Matamoros a price  
beyond the actual expense of shipping. The expense of  
a few days of time is of very little account when any  
thing is to be made by going a little further down  
the River.

I think very often you do not see the  
the importance of opening freely into Matamoros market  
to send some goods which are there alone. I believe  
the better and the way to pay for them and send advice to  
you purchase freely to the extent of the Credit you may  
Command upon the faith of your ability to pay and of course  
now on the way. You are no risk in doing so. You may improve  
upon the value of goods that they will be safe in selling you  
at Cash prices.

Mr. Titchell reports on the 1st Inst  
1700 Mts. of cotton on hand. 1400 Bales in the immediate  
neighborhood. His receipts I imagine now will average from  
1 to 500 Bales per week. This cotton will all be shipped  
to Matamoros. In fact he is pushing it forward as rapidly  
as transportation can be secured. I am not now  
prepared to say what amount of cotton has been loaded

copy

Cotton Bureau  
From the Dept  
of the Interior

My dear Sir

Your communication of the 18th has  
 been referred to the Dept office at Wash. with  
 instructions to send the word to the nearest  
 of my friends which may be deemed not  
 expedient. I am not informed as to what  
 extent you can do along this arrangement  
 of intention and I return the baggage load  
 with military stores & directions to the  
 effect have been given. In the course of  
 time the results you desire may be reached.  
 It will afford me pleasure to facilitate  
 your operations in the manner proposed.

Yours respectfully

A. S. M.

The report. L.

H. &amp; Goodwin

St. L.







From C. C.

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direct for. Several reports on the Rio Grande -  
But I ~~thought~~ consider it safe to estimate that  
double the quantity (which he goes to show) is now  
wanted a large quantity of which will arrive before  
the End of September. You may safely calculate on  
receiving some 2000 bales during month of Sept. at Watamoras  
which should give you. Nearly half a million of  
Pile. upon which I hope you may ship some large  
lots of Supplies at once. You are aware that our  
attempts to procure Clothing. particularly Cloth for Coats  
& Pants. have all failed. The Perkins & Howell Contract  
upon which we relied to supply this, has completely failed.  
It was the supposition that they would succeed without which  
made no other provision in fact offered little encouragement  
for the introduction of Cloth, believing his wants in the Line were  
provided for.

We are treating goods very lightly here -  
only enough to keep them employed in the  
Fabricating Department; employed. - we shall  
only upon Watamoras to furnish the principal  
Supplies. with every caution to place means  
at your disposal. As to meantime you can see  
Perkins are relied upon to anticipate these means to  
the utmost extent & forward Supplies you may  
require as expeditiously as practicable,

To C. C.



Wm. D. Mitchell  
 West Point, N.Y.

Mr. F. D. Bailey,

Proctor

Enclosed I send you  
 of mine, shipped to you last I think  
 only 19th inst. Of the wages I  
 have, please deduct the bill from the freight.  
 Will you get more Bagging, Rope and  
 as soon as I come to hand. Very Respectfully

Wm. D. Mitchell  
 Proctor

Mr. W. D. Mitchell

To the Boston Bureau

1864

July 19th.

For 6 months' time 60 lbs.

(delivered to receiver.)







Government Office

London, Aug 10 1844

Mr. A. Hamilton

London

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. and am glad to hear that you are doing so well in London for your Country. The friends of the cause have not yet arrived, and I am unwilling to bring you to London at the present time. I will therefore prefer to send you a draft on Mr. Perkins which is the amount of the money I have just received from the friends here with the money.

My friend has sent me this money for the cause and will be able to pay the sum of £1000 for the cause with you.

Yours truly

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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Guantanamo Office,  
Havana, Aug. 25th  
Capt. J. C. Smith  
San Antonio, Tex.

Capt. - I paid this morning your receipts  
for fuel, between 25th & 26th, 20.000 lbs. 20.000  
for 25th do. 26 . 20.000  
for 26th Louis deas. 27 . 20.000  
Payable in new currency - Having no  
new currency & there being no very bright prospect  
of getting any, I make up a 4.12 a 25/100 for  
the 26th paid it in old currency -

Col. Broadwell recommends that you do the  
same in all cases - & thus avoid having your  
certificates afloat - He says you can call on  
Capt. Rousseau for the funds - No doubt  
a large majority of the people will be willing  
to accept the old currency by adding 25/100 to  
the price & thus make it equal to new -

Very respectfully  
Yours truly  
C. C. Kelly  
Capt. Lagas.

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My dear Mr. [unclear]  
 I have just received your letter of the 10th inst.

and am very glad to hear from you.

I am very glad to hear from you and hope you are well.

Very respectfully,  
 Your friend,  
 [unclear]

[unclear]

[unclear]

[unclear]

[unclear]

[unclear]

[unclear]

Yours of the 10th inst. has been received and I am very glad to hear from you.

Very respectfully,  
 Your friend,  
 [unclear]

[unclear]

~~Enclosed for the~~ ✓  
~~London Agent~~

~~My dear Sir~~  
~~I have the honor to~~  
~~acknowledge the receipt~~

~~of your letter of the 10th inst.~~  
~~relative to the~~  
~~proposed alterations in the~~

~~proposed alterations in the~~  
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~~proposed alterations in the~~

~~proposed alterations in the~~  
~~proposed alterations in the~~ ✓

~~Yours very truly~~  
~~J. A. Smith~~

~~Yours of the 9th inst. is at hand, & I~~  
~~am sorry for the delay in its arrival.~~

~~Very respectfully~~  
~~Yours at St. J.~~

~~Wm. A. Smith~~



London Office ✓  
 Boston August 1862

S. W. Fensby Esq  
 Sir

✓  
 Since of the spirit is at hand, I have  
 applied for the name of S. P. Fensby. And when  
 approved will forward the same to John  
 Weston, at Dayton, as requested.

Very respectfully  
 Yours at St

Wm. W. Fensby

✓  
 Insurrection Office  
 Charleston August 20th 1861

John Holston Esq. Esq.  
 Alleghen

Sir,

✓  
 Yours of the 14th inst is at hand. I expect soon to receive a shipment of specie from the U.S. Treasury, and will furnish the means to you to pay freight. You are not authorized to sell or use cotton for that purpose. When a planter will furnish bagging and rope for the same, we will furnish the price to be deducted from the proceeds of the cotton.

Very Respectfully  
 Yours truly  
 J. M. Smith

Left 4 A.M.



Quartermaster Office  
Hudson, August 20, 1864

to C. C. Dillell Esq. Capt.  
Hallettsville

Sir,

Yours of the 9th inst is at hand and contents noted. The Cotton Bureau is established to purchase cotton on the terms set out in its published orders and no other, it has no discretion. As agent of the Bureau you will not entertain any propositions to purchase cotton except in strict conformity to your instructions.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt.

C. C. Dillell

Capt. & Co.

You may purchase  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Cotton ready for delivery & an equal amount will be exempted - but this does not release the minor from this obligation to sell  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the remainder. You should at once contract for its delivery as soon as it can be had -

C. C. Dillell

Captain. American

Grounds near 2nd St

Horatio A. Lytle

Three hundred Bales of Cotton the  
property of Mr. Huntington. With a  
receipt is in ~~the~~ form of  
presentment. by transit to the  
purpose of facilitating the  
introduction of reaching  
regards are an agreement which  
the meeting has approved  
by this ~~to~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~meeting~~ <sup>meeting</sup> for reaching  
upon presentation of  
a certificate from the collector  
of customs. that reaching  
equivalent in value is a  
book of entry ready for  
introduction. Very Atty. Shillie  
at San Antonio. Will grant an  
order for the ~~restitution~~  
of the Cotton. in a ~~judicial~~  
with the regulations for  
overland commerce. announced  
in such order Feb 25,

For Honor

W. H. Boardman  
S. C.





many. I have been left here, but in business I have  
 been so occupied that I have not had time to look into the  
 matter. I have been very much occupied with the  
 knowledge of my inability to provide the money to pay with

It is true that our present plans are according to the  
 estimate that the other party is in possession of. I have gone  
 to the extent of the only. I have been very much occupied  
 the other in regard to your account. I have been  
 I again have to go to the other party to get it  
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 knowledge of my inability to provide the money to pay with

I am, very respectfully

Yours obedient servant



Surgeonmaster Office ✓  
 Hospital Dept. A. O. R. 4

W. F. Farrow Esq. Capt. Regt.  
 of Artillery

Sir

Some of the ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~hand~~ <sup>at hand</sup>. In order to  
 find out ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> ~~receipts~~ <sup>receipts</sup> and bills of ~~work~~  
 as required. The regulations of this office  
 require ~~agents~~ <sup>agents</sup> of ~~extreme~~ <sup>extreme</sup> cases, to report for  
 improvement of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~regiment~~ <sup>regiment</sup>. Although the office  
 the ~~action~~ <sup>action</sup> of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~parties~~ <sup>parties</sup> who refuse to sell  
 on the ~~terms~~ <sup>terms</sup> of the ~~Bureau~~ <sup>Bureau</sup>, has been changed  
 and you will ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> ~~offer~~ <sup>offer</sup> ~~after~~ <sup>after</sup> ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~such~~ <sup>such</sup> ~~parties~~ <sup>parties</sup>  
 in all cases, with the ~~fact~~ <sup>fact</sup>. To the regular  
 improving office of your district. We  
 have found it ~~occupies~~ <sup>occupies</sup> too much time  
 to have issued specific orders for improve-  
 ment.

Very respectfully  
 Your obedient Servant

Capt & A. O. R. 4

Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston, Aug 20 1864

Maj H. P. Douglas  
Gonzales,  
Major.

Mr. E. C. Farness who has held a claim  
is Govt. for 1 year. for goods delivered about  
two years ago, and been promised a settlement  
of same by Col. Hatcher, desires the balance  
due him to be paid in your district -

The balance due him after deducting the payments  
made by Col. Hatcher is \$1625.00 Sixteen hun-  
-dred and twenty five dollars - Please  
turn over enough cotton to him to cover this amt.  
at the schedule prices for the point where the  
cotton is delivered - He has signed the  
purchase voucher and a blank receipt for  
the whole payment - It will therefore only be  
necessary for you to take his memorandum  
receipt in duplicate, for the Sales papers and  
classification delivered, and transmit one to  
this office, retaining the other as your own  
voucher -

Respectfully  
Yours etc  
L. C. Webb  
Capt. U. S. A.



~~Quartermaster's Office~~  
Houston, Aug 25 1864

Maj H. P. Baughman  
Gonzales,  
Major.

Mr. E. E. Burnett who has held a claim  
is paid for \$9,000. for powder delivered some  
two years ago, and been promised a settlement  
of same by Col Hutchins, desires the balance  
due him to be paid in your district -

The balance due him after deducting the payments  
made by Col Hutchins is \$6222. Sixteen hun-  
dred and twenty two \$100 dollars - Please  
turn over enough cotton to him to cover this amt.  
at the schedule prices for the point where the  
cotton is delivered - He has signed the  
purchase voucher and a blank receipt for  
the whole payment - It will therefore only be  
necessary for you to take his memorandum  
receipt in duplicate, for the Sales pounds and  
classification delivered, and transmit one to  
this office, retaining the other as your own  
voucher -

Very respectfully  
Yours etc  
L. C. Webb  
Capt Regt.

Wm. H. Moore Esq  
 Treas. Office

Wm. H. Moore Esq

Washington

I have the very pleasure of  
 receiving from you 15 coils  
 of 1/2 inch wire rope, the weight  
 of which is 12 lbs per coil  
 and 3 coils of 1/2 inch wire rope  
 the weight of which is 12 lbs per coil  
 and 3 coils of 1/2 inch wire rope  
 the weight of which is 12 lbs per coil

Very respectfully  
 Wm. H. Moore

Wm. H. Moore Esq  
 Treas. Office  
 Wash. City 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 4

J. L. Pool Esq  
 Richmond

Sir

I have the pleasure of  
 receiving from you 15 coils  
 of 1/2 inch wire rope, the weight  
 of which is 12 lbs per coil  
 and 3 coils of 1/2 inch wire rope  
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Very respectfully  
 Wm. H. Moore





Quartermaster's Office

Washington Aug. 13. 1864.

S. Bailey Esq.  
Huntsville.

Monte Carlo.

I enclose you some days ago to take charge  
of Mr. H. C. in charge of the Patterson (who  
lives at Hunterville) at Patterson's Ferry.  
Have you sent it forward to the  
agent? I ask as I have not. Mr. Baley  
in your book, with the Bill Lacking  
on account of the fact it might be  
the last reference to the same.

Sent all the Cotton as given directed  
to Newmarket on Liberty for redemption  
at that place - On the hand is the  
agent at Liberty - Orders for freight  
money should be drawn on me  
there - I am expecting specie funds  
to pay freight with, hope soon to be  
in receipt of it - The draft were  
sent on two weeks ago -

Very respectfully

*L. G. Webb*

Capt Fag. 10.



Postmaster General  
Washington D.C.

My dear Sir  
Cheerful

For

I have this day forwarded to the County-  
Court of this State at Fort Smith  
Missouri County for a return  
of my land. I have also of late been  
giving out one of the letters of  
loft 9 and of the same quantity of land  
detached of your property.

Very respectfully  
Yours truly  
J. H. H. H.

Col. H. H. H.





Respectfully  
 Yr. Obedient Servant

Let moving out  
 Francis Lane

Sir

Enclosed please find bill for  
 article of bookman. As it says not  
 article of your request as before the  
 bill is in your hands.

Very respectfully  
 Yours truly

Wm. W. W.

but the

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and they are now considering the same. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and they are now considering the same. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and they are now considering the same.

W. T. Anderson  
Esq., Genl.



Cotton Bureau

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Trans reef Dept  
Houston. 13 Aug 1864

1/2 sec. light

Care of Decatur

New Iberia, La

I have the honor to acknowledge  
your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, referred  
to me by Genl. E. Kirby Smith.

The Court has but little cotton  
near the river. The quantity in  
the valley of the river is not large.

During the past winter, cotton was  
vested in me to make sale of cotton

in the locality it was then expected with  
the right of exportation, at 1000 per  
bale of specie or its equivalent.

The transactions effected on this  
basis were limited.

I have no means of ascertaining now, that  
the same terms would be acceptable to the  
Court.

I should have the sale of 5  
or 10,000 bales of the cotton designed for  
exportation to Europe.

be in market during the month of September.  
I would be glad to meet you in person  
or later at Shreveport.

any agreement made would doubtless  
be approved by the proper authorities.

Very Respy  
at Sat  
W. H. Anderson

25 Astor Place  
 New York Aug 15. 1864

J. L. Russell Esq  
 a Grange

Yours of the 12th is at hand. I have  
 no use for any more transportation here. If  
 you can obtain the application for your detail  
 from our purchasing agents, with the  
 representation that he has immediate use for  
 your services, I will have you detailed.

Respectfully yours  
 Wm. L. Russell  
 Capt. & Co.  
 per Long



Wm. Somersell Esq. of  
Weymouth Aug. 10th 1794

My dear Sir

I have just received your letter of the 2nd inst. in relation to the matter of the baggage and notes. I am very sorry to hear of all the trouble and anxiety you have been put to by the delay in the delivery of the money. I have just received the money from the Bank of England and I am sending it to you by the next post. I am very sorry to hear of the delay in the delivery of the money and I am very sorry to hear of the delay in the delivery of the money.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt.

Wm. Somersell

Cotton Bureau.

Capt J. L. Hancock, Trans. Mch. 24th  
 from Antonio. Houston. 15<sup>th</sup> May 1864  
 Captain.

You have received an order  
 from the Com. which appears to demand  
 some action but my hands

could furnish no more explicit instructions.  
 You will forward, with dispatch, all  
 Round Cotton under your control or which  
 may come into your possession. (Not  
 otherwise appropriated by order of the  
 E. & G. Smith) to the Hon. Sec. of the  
 General Commercial Agent at "Matamoros"  
 Consign the Cotton to the agent of this  
 office on the Rio Grande. to be received &  
 forwarded as above. Notify Mr. Lindley  
 to send the Cotton, or its proceeds, distributed  
 to be applied to the indebtedness of Mexico  
 Bank, as may be hereafter determined.  
 .. furnish me with a list of the claims you  
 may be able to trace as to the time  
 made of payment. Very truly yours  
 Wm. B. Mayall



*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a letter or report, covering the upper half of the page.]*

Major R. M. Davis  
Waco

Sir

Enclosed find details for J. B. Goodwin  
and William A. Davenport sent you as requested.

Very respectfully  
Yours truly

J. B. Wells

Capt & Co  
per League.

Quartermaster's Office  
 Boston, Aug 25. 1864

Mr. Loring Esq

Dept. Public. Instruction

Sir,

As you are aware Mr. Perry is at present employed in this office, greatly to the advantage of the public service, but I am allowed to pay him a little less I fear he will be forced to quit from sheer inability to support himself on his pay. - To enable me to keep him I must call upon you to help me. - Mr. Bailey our Asst. says the whole matter is in your hands and whatever you do with the property will be all right.

You are aware of the terms upon which Mr. Hobbs obtains his Press from the Company - I propose now that you let Mr. Perry have the Press (now in piece) now in substance, on the same terms. - I have seen Hobbs and he is willing to let Perry put up the Press in his workshop and work it on the same terms as he now works for work. - I can make this proposal fairly as the work is increasing & such an extra work another Press is required.



I keep up with the receipts, and as it will serve the double purpose of retaining Mr. Bryant's services, and giving him an opportunity to keep his head above water, I earnestly desire you to allow him to take the Press. The fact that he is a stockholder entitles him to more consideration than if he were entirely outside of the organization, and I believe you are willing to aid him to the extent of your ability, not only from this consideration but because as a friend he is entitled to all the favor you can give him.

Let me hear from you by return mail. If, as I believe you will, you decide to turn over the Press, you may as well ship it to Newbury at once. There will be no freight to pay, as it is for Govt. use.

Do not neglect to write me at all times, and do not deprive me of Bryant's services by refusing to give him the Press.

Very respectfully  
 Your obt. servt.  
 C. C. Hall  
 Capt. & Agt.





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[illegible]

Dear Sir

Received by  
James A. B. T.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the 1st of the month of June last.

Yours truly  
J. A. B. T.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the 1st of the month of June last.

Very respectfully  
J. A. B. T.



My dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours very truly,  
John A. Smith

Very truly,  
John A. Smith

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours very truly,  
John A. Smith

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John A. Smith

Very truly,  
John A. Smith

✓  
 Boston Mass April  
 Houston Aug 20 1845 ✓

✓  
 Mr. T. L. L. L.  
 Springfield

Yours of the 1st inst is at hand and answers  
 I will forward Mr. Sturges letter to my friend  
 and request him to obtain and deliver  
 the negroes to Mr. Sturges

Very Respectfully  
 Yours etc. L. L.

Wm. L. L.



Sanctum Office

London Aug 20 1844

W. Faller Esq  
Hunstable

Some of the above is at hand and under  
I have forwarded Mr. Stroud's letter to Mr. Faller  
and request him to examine the same  
in regard to Mr. Stroud

Very respectfully  
Yours at. L.

W. Faller

Comptroller's Office  
Havana Aug 1884  
J. H. Cunningham Esq  
Off. Port. Sullivan

All the letters received by you for the  
Government in relation to the purchase of  
the property of supplies purchased of the  
Mexican Government - You will therefore hold  
all such subject to the order of Mr. J. H. Cunningham  
Chief Commercial Agent in Mexico, and when  
transportation is sent you, enclose them for  
Boston you will ship it to the Agent of the  
Eastern Bureau at Rio Grande City, subject  
to order of Mr. W. A. Portman, to be applied to  
payment of Mr. Wheeler.

State this in your letter of acknowledgment.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

W. A. Portman

Chief Agent



Quartermaster's Office

San Antonio Aug 25. 1874

Col. H. C. Bay, Jr.

San Antonio, Texas.

Sir - All the leather required by your outfit  
in connection with the Quartermaster's Office is to be  
purchased from Mr. John Chileas. You will  
therefore hold all such subject to the order  
of H. H. Perkins, Sub. Commercial Agent in  
Mexico, where transportation is not given,  
or applies there for leather you will ship  
it to the Agent of the Leather Bureau of  
Rio Grande City, subject to order of H. H.  
Perkins to be applied to payment of Mr. Chileas.  
State this in your bills of lading -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. D. Smith

Capt. Wright





Quartermaster's Office  
Habitat, Oct 15, 1864

Capt A. L. Smith  
San Antonio -

Capt.

I am instructed by the Board of Ordnance  
to advise to forward with as little  
delay as possible some Digging & Digging  
Hoes. The question there can be immediately  
available if the digging material can be  
supplied. In the present bad order none  
can go forward to you. Col. B.

desires you to purchase, if you are not  
in receipt of such from the the Grande.

Please do not overlook the requirements  
of Capt Smith at Bay City. Capt. Hornet at  
San Antonio. At San Antonio -

the Indian at Kalamazoo. the Regulator  
at Natchez. of the same material -

All these points can be more conveniently  
supplied from San Antonio than here. and

it would be well if you would purchase  
all you can, in view of the fact that we

cannot acquire Cotton rapidly unless we have  
the Digging Hoes to distribute

Very respectfully,  
J. B. Smith

Wm Duncan Esq  
 Chester Aug 20th 1861

Sir:

As you are perhaps aware that I have been absent from this City since about the 15th ult. my failure to reply to your favor of the 10th inst. will give you some explanation - I did many matters that detained me some days since I returned only to say farewell to the Commissioner of the State & to look into the progress of the official duties he would soon discharge my duties. I immediately telegraphed to you expressing you of my desire to retain you in your present capacity at Chester retaining full responsibility for your action in going there.

When I gave you, your letter of instructions I say I did so fully under the impression that it was my right to do so - I had telegraphed to Maj Thomas stating the importance of promoting over and over of your services - to which he consented & I regarded the question settled - or if in the event of delay. An-plaint arising subsequently. I must bring before the fact of your original assignment to duty under my orders.

I will write Maj Thomas, simply after him the utter impossibility of doing without you







Mr. G. W. Washburn House No. 91  
Mass. June 1864



I have been thinking of you very much lately  
 and wondering how you are getting on.  
 I hope you are well and happy.  
 I have been very busy lately  
 but I have managed to find some time  
 to write you a few lines.  
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 but I have managed to find some time  
 to write you a few lines.

Washington August 1877

My dear Mr. Andrew

Sir

I have just received from the  
 Bureau of the Treasury Department  
 a copy of the report of the  
 Committee on the subject of  
 the proposed amendment to the  
 Constitution of the United States  
 which has been submitted to the  
 Senate.

Very respectfully,  
 Charles Sumner

I am sure that the  
 Senate will be able to  
 find the necessary  
 for this purpose. I am,  
 Sir, very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant

By order of  
 the Senate  
 Charles Sumner

I am sure that the  
 Senate will be able to  
 find the necessary  
 for this purpose. I am,  
 Sir, very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant

Very respectfully,  
 Charles Sumner

Legat. Am. Gov.



Mastermarcher office  
Huntsman Aug 15 1883

J. H. Huntley Esq  
Huntley House

Sir

The application for the return of the  
return returned with the following answers

Lord Geo. Lindsay of Roslin  
Huntsman Aug 15 1883

You must be returned from the return copy for this  
purpose. I am obliged.

By order of  
Magistrate  
H. Jones Esq.

You will make a note of this and apply for  
no more details except from the return copy.

Very respectfully  
Yours etc etc

Best regards

Quartermaster's Office  
Havre de Grace Aug 25, 1864

Thomas F. McKinney  
Private

Sir:

The Quartermaster's Office has the honor to inform you that  
the 1st Regt. of Maine Heavy Artillery, 1st Div. 1st Corps  
has been assigned to the 1st Division of the 1st Corps  
and is now at the 1st Division of the 1st Corps.

It is requested that you will  
inform the 1st Division of the 1st Corps  
that you must be detailed from the 1st Division of the 1st Corps  
for this purpose. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant.

By order of  
Major Genl. Magruder  
H. R. Jones  
Quartermaster

You will take note of this and  
reply for no new form is required.  
A part of the 1st Division of the 1st Corps.

Very respectfully  
Your obt. Servt.

Capt. J. A. G. M.



Office  
Quartermaster  
H. H. H. H.

F. J. Wood Esq  
Hampstead

Yours of the 29th inst. is duly received for which  
I am obliged to you. I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. and in reply  
to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the  
proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir,  
very respectfully,  
Yours obedient servant,  
J. J. Wood

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You will not be surprised  
for the detail of any party only they belong  
to the same angle

Very respectfully  
Yours truly,





Enclosure of  
Hudson Aug 11. 1866

J. L. Rice Esq  
Indian

Sir

Yours of the 10th inst from near Indian  
has been received. Also you have a statement  
of your imprisonment. I regret the party who  
refuses to settle with the Indians concerning  
the case is regularly appointed inspecting  
officer for the department in which your  
disturbance for his nation. I have found  
it requires too much time to apply for a  
special order to inspect and have therefore  
ordered to apply for them and let all cases  
of imprisonment be acted on by the regular  
officer appointed for the purpose.

W. F. McKinnon is a special  
agent of the government appointed to purchase  
cattle to a limited extent before the organiza-  
tion of the Bureau. I believe he has now  
nearly purchased all he was authorized to  
and his purchases will soon cover the con-  
tract your enclosure is in accordance with his  
contract. Enclose the details of McKinnon

from Major Hart and I will issue a new  
detail found on it. If the detail is lost then  
and immediately his description but not can  
apply for his detail. The description given  
furnish is defective in not stating in  
what county he was arrested.

I am out of paper and  
hopping and rope. I will furnish them  
in a few days when I will furnish them  
as requested.

You can furnish paper  
hopping and rope for their whole trip  
where it is needed. The price to be de-  
duced from the half sold the government.

Enclosed find 10 blank  
contracts and some writing paper as requested.  
I am out of envelopes at present.

Very respectfully  
Yours O. H. Hart

W. H. Hart



Quartermaster Office  
Houston Aug 26, 1864

L. S. Moring Esq. Esq.  
Prairie Bluffs

Yours of the 4th inst is at hand and has been  
noted. The party who are possessors of cotton  
must be held responsible for the sale of it. We  
can not share the ownership of cotton in common  
the Confederacy. When you put cotton and the  
party in possession refused to sell for any reason  
represent the matter without the facts of the  
case to the regularly appointed inspecting  
officer of the department in which you are  
directed to be for his action. An order has been  
received from Lieut. Genl. Sherman, that no  
more men will be detailed from the army for  
any purpose. Details hereafter must be from  
new. The same rule. Undesignated conscripts  
and from time detailed to the state or to your  
district. When men are detailed to Major Post or  
to State. They wish to be detailed men in the  
army. Their old facts must be in the  
file. Copy of the detail of no one can be  
an American use for the army.

Houston Aug 16 1864

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W. H. C. Esq  
Marshal

Yours of the 4th inst to Col. Bradwell has  
been received. The papers you enquire for will  
be sent to you at once. On the 2nd inst. in  
response to your previous request of  
the 1st inst. and I presume are now lying in  
the office there.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient  
servant

Marshall's office

Houston August 16, 1864

W. H. C. Esq

Yours of the 1st inst is at hand. Enclosed  
are a set of accounts given and of  
particulars.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient  
servant

W. H. C.



Mastermason office.

London August 26. 1844

Mr. John E. G. Ag.

My friend

Sir

Yours of the 20th inst. is at hand and  
 is duly noted. Below find the calculation and  
 weight of the best cotton as required.

|   |   |             |
|---|---|-------------|
| 1 | - | 2123        |
| 2 | - | 5630        |
| 3 | - | 2575        |
|   |   | <hr/> 10288 |

Very Respectfully  
 Your Servant &c.

Yours truly  
 J. E. G. Ag.

Accepted for  
 the Mastermason

Wm. Smith

Yours truly  
 J. E. G. Ag.

Almond Street 11th St

Yours truly  
 J. E. G. Ag.

Yours truly  
 J. E. G. Ag.

Yours truly  
 J. E. G. Ag.

Yours truly  
 J. E. G. Ag.

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Dear Mother & Father  
Humboldt Aug 16th 1847

Mr. W. H. Edington  
Bismarck

Dear Sir  
I hope you to day to be  
Humboldt Aug. 16th 1847

2 Bala Indian Reggion 420 p.  
15 Bala Reggion

Will forward you the complement of Reggion and  
hope for the 400 Reggion as I have to hand  
Have instructed Mr. H. to forward it to Bismarck  
Sincerely  
Very Respectfully  
C. L. Mills

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Notton Amers.

Mr. H. H. Jenkins.

I am, very, truly,  
Dear Sir, Yours,

Yr. of course

Yr.

I beg permission to transmit  
to you from the Hon. Secy. of the Navy, to  
submit my suggestions for funds, as to place  
the Bk. of the Cotton at the disposal of Col. M.  
Whitcomb.

The position is doubtless both  
unpleasant and difficult. But has decided of course.  
With very truly very respectfully, and sincerely  
yours, the Secy. of the Navy.

Our former suggestions have been fre-  
quently read & known. in letters to the  
President. was a suggestion, with, without  
securing legislation on the point of Congress  
or other relief.

As you will infer from  
the tenor of my last letter, the Cotton has  
now no legal status. It is a military  
expenditure, which has not been provided  
for, & is deemed a further necessity.

That it has been sanctioned by Law & pro-  
vided with funds. under various con-  
siderations. The requirements of the Service Com-  
have been met & the credit of the Government.

matter now stands. the amount of 400  
thousand imponderable demands from the  
Committee and the supply of the money as well  
as disapproving citations. These have never  
been paid. The Treasury to pay has de-  
stroyed every vestige of credit. and there  
is no adequate means to meet the requi-  
sitions of the War for war material.

Indubitably. I am sincerely desirous  
of being relieved. I find myself back in the  
feeling of every affair. Connected with  
this Bureau. The Bureau is commercial  
under legitimate authority. I should be  
managed by the Treasury Dept.

I deem it my duty to request of you  
an investigation of the subject. for which  
there is doubtless ample material in the  
records of the Confederate Treasury.

The object of this affair was to supply  
the departments of the army through the use  
of cotton purchased with Confederate  
money. It has failed. It is un-  
necessary to attribute this result to any  
particular cause. the fact remains  
it is admitted. It is a mistake.



92 months. has experienced. Contrasts of  
 every character have been made. The best  
 of systems, efficiency, uniformity has brought  
~~the~~ from desperate & complicated confusion,  
 at a period when the Country contiguous to  
 the Rio Grande was full of cotton and the  
 Confederate money, had enormous value.  
 I am called upon <sup>now</sup> to pay the foreign &  
 domestic indebtedness of my predecessors in  
 office & to furnish by millions (specie  
 value) in military stores, in the management  
 of an office with directions by law, (I  
 distrust of credit - <sup>and</sup> cotton nearly all  
 gone. Great difficulty in reaching what little  
 is left. even if we had money to offer  
 (which is not the case.) The people  
 sorely irritated by military improvements & per-  
 formance disgraces with the former system of ex-  
 porting cotton. I trust that you at least  
 will not allow. The Government will be to rely  
alone, upon the services of a few gentlemen  
 for munitions of war & almost every other  
 article imported from abroad. Very Respec-  
 fully at service  
 W. A. R.

Houston. 11th Aug/82

Long 1006 Black  
 Capt

Store & strong holds my  
 order on you for 2 1/2 Bales of cotton  
 average of vending. quality average  
 weight 500 lbs. each. which he  
 is trying to dispose of with the  
 right of repatriation - should be  
 present the order during my absence  
 take it up if he deems it - with  
 the balance at his discretion. as in the  
 launch of his business. and apply  
 to his friends for an order entitling  
 its repatriation by way of the ship. from  
 as desired by the authorities.

Very Respy

Yr. ob. servt  
 J. W. Henderson  
 (S. Lee)





Cotton Bureau

I am very sorry  
that I am not able to

Col. C. J. Nelson.

Havana.

Dear Sir I have the honor to acknowledge  
of the 26th ult. & am pleased to hear  
that the same rely upon your assistance.  
I am not unwilling you to reflect much  
Cotton from the growth, under the direction  
of the local Regue the numerous carrying  
North Carriages are utilized to all the foreign  
markets bound. when the value of the  
Cargos will amount to full freight.  
The are shipping some small lots on  
Schooners. which is regarded for carrying  
& convenience. The above with pleasure  
avail of your country. I please to men-  
-tion of all kind business transactions in  
Havana. under your control.

Very Respy

Yr. at. servt

W. B. Russell  
Havana



San Francisco office  
 17th Street, San Francisco

St. F. & Co.  
 Chief Labor Reporter

I have the honor to state that  
 some negroes belonging to the L. & N. R. Co. of N. Y. County  
 have been convicted of the crime of stealing  
 on the L. & N. R. Co. of N. Y. County  
 and are now in the custody of the Sheriff of N. Y. County  
 in the County Jail.

I regret that the negroes  
 were not regularly arrested, and that their names were not  
 put on the list of the L. & N. R. Co.

Very respectfully  
 J. H. & Co.  
 San Francisco

Major L. & Co.  
 San Francisco

Sir

Enclosed please find a copy of the newspaper  
 cut. I have just been enabled to supply your  
 want for it.

Very respectfully  
 your obt. Servt

Quartermaster's Office,  
Haverton, Aug 16. 1864

Geo. H. Walker & Co.  
Haverton.

Sir - I have in receipt of your favor of 15th inst.  
Male Contests - I have forwarded the letter of 15th  
answering the main points in your previous letter &  
also of the 15th inst. I enclose the copy of  
"Improvement" of the 15th inst. -

You will also send me as you require, from  
the neighboring of the 15th inst. send me a descriptive  
list of the, regarding names & residence,  
names of negroes - age, height - color - and I will have  
the entry made here at the Labor Bureau, entering  
the owners to credit on the quota of the  
negroes. You can do this without difficulty, as the

Boarders would prefer to have their negroes near at hand.

I send you a certified acct for two months pay  
- \$100.00 - being intended to cover your disbursements  
while traveling, as well as your compensation to the  
30th Aug - Your pay hereafter will have to

be computed as ours is, in C.B. notes -

Capt Twichell will pay the acct -

Very respectfully  
C. E. Hobbins

Aug 16. 1864



Quartermasters' Office  
Havre Aug 16. 1864

Capt. W. C. Black,  
Shrewsbury

Dear Sir

At the request of Col. Broadwell, I have  
your enclosed, herewith, Official Receipts  
for

June 1st - \$2000. - 24 Measuring Notes.  
Exchange on London.

July 1st - \$2000. - 24 Measuring Notes -  
Exchange on New York - Specie -

and \$1000. - 24 Measuring Notes -  
June 1st - \$1000. - 24 Measuring Notes -

Duplicates of the above will follow by another  
mail.

Very respectfully  
Yours truly  
C. C. Wells  
Capt & Agt.

Honorable 100th Regt 14

I understand that

I have written a letter to Mr.

. I hope you will be able to

Very Respy  
Yr ab. frnd  
W. A. Howardell  
La Col  
Stapton

Was. I am glad yesterday to stop  
with dear Wuthens,





1. Tangier  
Mauritius

Yours of the 10th inst is at hand. In reply  
to apply for details is not transferable. See the  
enrolling officer of your country, and get by General  
order of July 10th 1854, to detail to me the same  
man again to Tangier government custom, and  
send the details to me here. I will then attach my  
official order to them and send so report to my  
superior. I think that only one man can be  
detailed for every post. I also thought that in  
in other words a man must be transferred  
to him for only to be in the unit and to  
a detail for that purpose. If your enrolling  
officer will not grant the detail, I will send the  
descriptive roll of the post to your government  
detailed and will obtain the detail from  
the post office however it is most important  
and must be a detail in the post.

Respectfully

Yours truly  
J. D. D.



Marine Office

Houston August 8<sup>th</sup> 1869

A. M. Melanoharidag Agt  
Parker Bluff

Sir

Your of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst is at hand and contents noted. I am entirely out of baggage and am but expect a supply soon and when it comes I will supply your demands.

Respectfully

Yours at Sea

Houston August 10<sup>th</sup> 1869

By Capt. C. Rogers

Thompson

Enclosed are  
stoppage my bills. Concerning my  
debts in violation of kind  
your order of 6<sup>th</sup> of July.

W. F. McHenry

Please order the stoppage & the return  
of my bills. Very respectfully

W. F. McHenry

Quartermaster's office  
 Manhattan August 27, 1864

Wm. Arris Esq Subagt  
 Cold Springs

Sir

Yours of the 24th is at hand. Your disposition of bagging is satisfactory. You have an action more strict of bagging than is absolutely necessary. When parties who have possession of cotton, either as guarantors, administrators or any other fiduciary character, assume to take possession of it without any title, they must take the authority to do so. He cannot settle questions of title or change ownership all over the State and Europe in Europe. The party in possession must sell, or you will promptly report the matter to the proper expressing office. For the district in which your company lies for his acknowledgment. Director of New York is the regular appointed expressing office to whom you should report. Mr. Bailey will report. You can furnish all bagging and ropes for the whole crop of those who sell what is unbaled. The price to be deducted from the sale to the government. In purchasing cotton you will make an average classification.





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but should the parties prefer a strict observance of each grade can be made at the expense of the <sup>cotton</sup> ~~ship~~ <sup>owning</sup> there. This office has nothing to do with the cotton, such cotton is in the charge of Hon. R. H. Gray. Treasury agent at Marshall; and is I believe pledged to European bondholders.

If you prefer shipping to East Texas, instead of Havana you could or consigning to L. L. Land and an agent there but or not ship to West Texas we have not a point or protection there, and destruction is too great at that point to excuse a shipment to it. Freight is paid here for freight, and will be paid on your draft drawn in the ordinary form, and stating number of bales hauled and number, distance transported and rates.

2¢ per pound per 1000 miles for mule teams, or 1¢ for ox teams are the allowed rates of this office. If however you can get it done cheaper, do so.

Very respectfully  
Yours etc. S. J.

Left 2 a.m.





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The undersigned, who is in charge of the  
 office of the District Attorney, has the honor  
 to acknowledge the receipt of your letter  
 of the 14th inst. and in reply to inform you  
 that the same has been forwarded to the  
 proper authorities for their consideration.

Sir,

✓✓

Yours letter of the 14th inst. has been  
 all the more, and it is of course to be  
 logged as one of the narrow ones, and  
 sufficient for a large cutting, or  
 from wide strips for the bottom of a hole,  
 and two narrow for the top, will answer the  
 same purpose. In regard to Mr. Gray's request  
 I can give you no advice on the subject. It  
 is our own responsibility you are fit to grant  
 Mr. Gray's request in consideration of his  
 law. I will make no exception to it, but  
 it must be done without any correspondence  
 with me, and you must assume the responsibility.

When cotton is held in possession  
 by a party, the party holding must sell, or you  
 will report the case, with all material facts,  
 to Major Rountree the regular or impressing  
 officer of your district for his action.  
 This applies to all cotton held in any capacity,  
 or by any person. It is impossible for us

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 Warehouse Office  
 Houston Aug 17. 1864  
 Chas. Reynolds Esq  
 Bastrop

Sir

Yours of the 13th inst is at hand.  
 Tenders of cotton will here to sell in the  
 Office of this office, we can make no exception  
 in favor of any one; when you purchase the  
 cotton the amount due will be paid here on  
 your receipt, in new coin, or the old at its  
 market value, and permit issued. You will ship  
 cotton when ready for shipment to Capt. Fairchild,  
 and not wait the movements of Mr. Burns. John B  
 Lobbok or any one else. ~~Which~~ cotton moved  
 with all the rapidity possible.

Respectfully  
 Yours ob. servt



Dear Sir,

Honolulu, 17th Aug. 1872

I have just read your communication upon the letter of Capt Wells asking for the service of 3 men whose ~~services~~ he deems indispensable. I regret that it has to be imperative.

Our experiment with hospital men is unsatisfactory. Capt Wells is compelled to lean upon the backs of his officers. The cotton transactions of the State and other are daily increasing to an ~~amount~~ absolutely unmanageable, with a complete absence of a proper character.

Your communication that the only men he can rely upon for this labor must be sent to America is exceedingly depressing, and compels me to come abruptly to the decision of separating the business of the custom ~~house~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ office. I proceed to form a Bureau for that purpose - in the meanwhile, I have ~~two~~ directed Capt Wells to get along if possible by applying for 2 appointments as bonded agents. I hope you will grant.

General.

Worcester. 27. Aug. 1842

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document upon the letter of Capt Wells  
relating for the service of 3 men who  
are in claims indispensable. I regret  
that it has a so imperfect.

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suspending the business of the mission but  
without from this office. I proceed to  
form relations for that purpose - in the  
meanwhile, I have ~~two~~ directed Capt Wells  
to get along if possible by applying for  
a representative as bonded agents. I  
hope you will grant I do



I have been thinking of you  
 very much lately. I hope  
 you are well and happy.  
 I am well and hope  
 to hear from you soon.  
 Love,  
 Alice

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To Mr. Office  
Hunting Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Mr H. M. Jenkins Agt.  
Carado

Sir. Enclosed I send you B.L. 6186 shipped to  
your address. by my Agent J. M. Kinney Austin  
firm and classification as now as received

Respectfully, Yours at serv.

L. S. Wells Capt & 2nd  
By Any Capt. etc.

To Mr. Office  
Hunting August 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

J. M. Kinney Esq.  
Agt. Austin

Sir Your letter of 9<sup>th</sup> inst received enclosing B.L. 6186 which  
has been forwarded to Austin  
Respectfully, Yours at serv.

L. S. Wells Capt & 2nd  
By Any Capt. etc.

Head Quarters Cotton Office  
New York Aug 14th 1864

W A Edgington Esq  
Baltimore

Sir

I have shipped to you to  
Milligan one thousand bales, with instructions  
to forward to Louisville immediately

to Delta India Bagging 1440 yds

16 bails Kentucky bales 1684 pounds

Please forward receipt of same to the office

Very respectfully  
J. B. Allen Esq.

Head Quarters Cotton Office  
Aug 14th 1864

C. B. Lund Esq  
Liberty

Sir

I ship you one to days train  
to Liberty

Three bails India Bagging 1080 yds

One bails Kentucky bales 1122 pounds

Please forward receipt to the office for same

Very respectfully

J. B. Allen Esq.



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Government Office  
 Houston Aug 17. 1864

Genl. S. B. Robinson

Memorandum to Genl. S. B. Robinson

Sir,

Genl. A. C. Butler has written me  
 done for the 1st Regt. of Col. S. B. Robinson  
 say one thousand and eighty guns bagging  
 and one hundred and eighty more from the Regt.  
 by having the same decided from his Bill  
 of one hundred and eighty guns.

Very respectfully,  
 A. C. Butler  
 Capt. & Co. 1st Regt.

Dear General, I am very  
pleased to hear of your  
return to the country.

Yours very truly  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

We left you on a very fine  
and comfortable steamer  
for New England, and you  
will find it very pleasant  
to be at home again.  
I am very glad to hear  
of your return to the country.

Very respectfully  
Yours  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Dear General, I am very  
pleased to hear of your  
return to the country.  
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of your return to the country.

Yours very truly  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison



Eastern River Dyk. Canal. N.Y.  
 Manhattan, Aug. 24. 1874

Wm. Cunningham Esq. Esq.  
 Post Sullivan.

Sir -

I am directed by S. C. Breckinridge to withdraw my letter to you of 15th Inst. instructing you to set apart for Mr. John Childs the Post Office in Robertson County, as he will make other arrangements for Mr. Childs' protection. It is his desire that Mr. Edm. Edmunds shall receive the Cotton you have acquired or may acquire for Post in that County, in addition to the order he already holds for the Cotton of Milan County.

You will therefore please deliver to the order of Mr. Edmunds all the Post Cotton as rapidly as he furnishes transportation for it, taking his receipts or that of his Agents, sending same to me together with one copy of the Bill of Lading.

You will receipt to Mr. Edmunds for the Dugging Rope furnished by him, & also form a receipt & attach for the same here.

Very respectfully  
 Yours etc  
 C. C. Wall  
 Capt. U.S.A.

Clifton Pioneer Right Line -  
Hacabua, Aug 14. 1884.

Wm. L. Thomas

Chas. S. Westcott Secy.

I have the honor to represent to you that Mr. Charles Russell, at San Antonio, is employed by Genl Smith as Chief of the Transportation Corps, and as such has authority to reply for the detail of unassigned conscripts and. Genl Smith orders July 18th of which I have you a printed copy.

It seems that Maj Russell's authority is questioned by the Recruiting Officers in the Western District, and I have the honor to request that you issue such instructions, &c. as will obviate any further delay in procuring the necessary details, which are applied for by Maj Russell —

Very respectfully,

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*W. H. H. H.*

an day is better than never



Quartermasters' Office,  
Havana Aug 27. 1864

W. H. Perkins Esq

Gall Connell St, Habana

Sir -

I have drawn on you a draft, from  
July 30<sup>th</sup>. favor of P. C. Bethell for \$12500.00  
being half the value of 40000. purchased by  
Col Broadwell from Mr Bethell, upon the  
condition that the payment was to be made  
in the manner - I will receipt to  
you officially for this amount as soon  
as the draft is paid -

It is incumbent for you to pay this draft at  
London or Eagle Pass as advised by Mr Bethell  
please do so - I cannot expect you to pay  
draft at Habana and hence will not give  
the draft an authorized receipt, but it may  
be in your power to accommodate some

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. B. Hall

Capt Regt.

Quartermaster Office  
Hanson August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1862

H. S. Pelland Esq  
Boonville

Sir

Your of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst requesting detail  
has been received. I have no authority to make  
detail of a party whose command lies  
out of this district. You belong to the  
Army in Louisiana and must be detailed  
at Shreveport. We have just received an  
order that no parties will hereafter be  
detailed from the Army, but all details  
must hereafter be made from the reserve  
troops. If you belonged to the Army in  
Kent. Magruder's division, this would prevent  
your detail as requested.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt

C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt  
for League

Per Wm Smith



Quartermasters' Office,  
Houston, Aug 17. 1864.

Geo. W. Bell Esq,  
Boonville

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 10th  
Inst applying for a detail - As I do not  
know exactly where I can make use of your  
transportation just now, I write to Mr. L.  
Cannon (who I understand from Mr. Smith,  
has been speaking to you about the detail) asking  
him if he has employment for you -

In the meantime you had better send me  
your descriptive list, or surgeons' certificate  
so that I may know how to make application  
for your detail - If you have been enrolled  
as a Consript send me a copy of the paper given  
you by the Enrolling Officer - If you are in  
the army, state the Regiment & Company, and  
where the Company is now serving - If it  
is out of the State of Texas your detail cannot  
be obtained.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. servt  
W. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt.

Quartermasters Office  
 Houston August 20, 1864

Captain Shropshire  
 La Grange

Sir

Please make it convenient to visit in an official capacity the patriotic residents of Fort Bend County. Your services are very much needed there promptly. In Fort Bend County there is more trouble than any other in the state, and everything is out will be at a stand still there until you pay them a visit. Let me request that you go there as early as practicable

Very Respectfully  
 Your obt. Svt

~~Wm. H. R.~~



Center, Roman Capt. Frank Hill  
 Houston, Aug 14, 1864.

Maj E. A. Bunk G. M.

Chf. J. L. Hance.

Houston

Majr,

Mr. S. M. Feham, some two days ago turned over to me for use of the Govt, 50 Bales of Cotton, and received an exemption of a like number - also \$15 by Cotton paid to him for transportation making \$5 Bales in all, authorizing the exportation of the same - The new measures one took, his fine wagon & teams, with which he intended sending his Cotton to the Rio Grande have been impressed by Govt - Although his teams are not exempted from impressment in the certificate given him by this Office, still it was implied that his teams must be protected while needed for hauling his exempted Cotton - This has always been the course pursued with regard to the Cotton Office, & as a matter of good faith all facilities should be granted to a man.

who has complied with the demands of  
 Govt. again. I respectfully ask  
 from you a consideration of the case.  
 It is evident that the knowledge of this  
 enforcement will prevent other parties  
 from complying with the rules of this  
 Bureau, as they can have but little use  
 for exempted Cotton if their transportation  
 is not sufficiently protected to enable  
 them to export the Cotton -

I trust, Major, you will concede this  
 matter as one of courtesy and right,  
 and allow Mr. McLean to resume  
 possession of his wagons & team.

Very respectfully  
 Your obedient  
 Servant  
 Capt. R. A. Galt.



who have complied with the demands of the  
law upon them. I respectfully  
present you a consideration of the case  
It is known that the knowledge of the  
enforcement will prevent other parties  
from complying with the rules of the  
Bureau, as they can have no left over  
for gauged cotton if their transportation  
is not sufficiently protected to enable  
them to export the cotton -

I trust that you will consider this  
matter a 'case' of courtesy and regard,  
and also for the Bureau to receive  
from me as his own. I am

Very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
J. M. W.  
Baptist

By the order of the  
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Very truly  
yours

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of your communication regarding the matter of the  
"Hemp" and "Cotton" and in reply to inform you that  
the Board, in view of the facts, has decided  
of course, if satisfactory

I am

Very respectfully  
yours

Wm. H. Smith  
Chief of Staff  
Washington

Very truly  
yours

Cal M. S. Metcalfe  
Hon.

Cal

I have shipped you one

large train, to Metcalfe's point  
2 sets of wire digging you get  
at last Metcalfe's 171  
2 sets of wire 220

Very respectfully  
yours



Quincy  
Henderson

Wm. H. H. H.

Capt J. S. Syneth  
Gonzales

Capt

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst in regard to the Bagg & Rope owned by the General - If you can distribute it so as to make it cost the Bureau only at the rate of \$1.00 per yd & \$1.00 per lb for Bagg & \$1.00 for Rope for Bale, please purchase it and pay for it in Cotton - Bagg & Rope is very scarce & this offer to sell at \$1.00 per Bale seems liberal enough - I have written Capt Smithell to send you Capt Harris & Mr. Brown, Bagg & Rope, but I cannot promise that you will be supplied from that source at a very early day.

Very respectfully

General

G. B. Smith

Capt H. S. S.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of your communication regarding the same, and the  
information that you have received. I am sorry  
to hear that the Board, in its decision, has not  
been satisfactory to you, if satisfactory.

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Very truly  
Yours

Cal. H. S. McIntosh  
Hunt.

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Large Trees, & Golden Birch

1. *Abel Smith*

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Quartermaster's Office ✓  
Houston Aug 24. 1864

Capt J. S. Gyneth  
Gonzales

Capt

I am in receipt of your favor  
of the 12th inst in regard to the Bagg  
& Rope owned by the General -  
If you can distribute it so as to  
make it cost the Bureau only at  
the rate of 10¢ for 1 lb & 10¢ for 1 lb  
for Bagg & 10¢ for Rope for Bale,  
please purchase it and pay for it in  
Cotton - Bagg & Rope is very  
scarce & has often to sell at 50¢ for  
Bale seems liberal enough -  
I have written Capt Smithell to send  
you Capt Harris & Mr. Brown, Bagg  
& Rope but I cannot promise that  
you will be supplied from that  
source at a very early day.

Very respectfully

J. S. Gyneth

C. S. Gyneth

Capt H. S. Gyneth

Quartermasters' Office  
Houston, Aug 29. 1864

Thos J. McKinney Esq  
Austin,

Sir,

I enclose your letter of Aug 12<sup>th</sup> with an endorsement referring it to Maj Willie. - Send it to him and I think it will relieve Mr White, and all others in like situation -

I have referred Merene Raymond & Minors' complaint about interference with your transportation, to Shreveport with an endorsement by Col Pina & well asking for such action as will prevent further interference - I also send you your demand that your transportation shall be unimpeded, so endorsed as to call for some action at Dept. Hdqrs -

We suffer the same annoyance here everywhere - Unless we are allowed to have a reasonable amount of detail it men are as well give up all hope of doing any good, & since

Very respectfully  
C. G. Kelly  
Capt &c. 9. 1864.



Capt J. E. Allen  
Richmond

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 18. 1864

Sir

Yours of the 15th inst regarding the con-  
templated meeting to be held in Richmond, to pass  
resolutions denouncing the Cotton  
Bureau has been received. I am anxious  
Capt Sharp's visit to Richmond is on an official character, & think  
his attendance will be a satisfactory one.

Very respectfully  
yours etc Lt S.

Capt & a gm

Capt J. E. Allen & Co  
Richmond

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 18, 1864

Sir

Yours close to that regarding the con-  
templated meeting to be held in Richmond. No prob-  
able resolutions made. Meeting of the Cotton  
Bureau has been postponed. I have written  
Capt Shepard's request for his early visit  
to Richmond in an official character. I think  
his attendance will be a valuable asset.

Yours respectfully  
your old friend

Capt & a. g. m.



Quartermasters office  
Houston August 18/64

T. B. Fuller Esq  
Springfield

Sir

Yours of the 1st inst is at hand covering  
report from Limestone County. If the guns in  
your list are generally out of repair, on  
your representation of the fact. Together with  
the name of a party in the reserve corps. I will  
have him detailed and sent to you to put them  
in order. When you ship cotton always send me  
a copy of the B/L -

Very Respectfully  
your obt. Serv

Capt & a qua.

Quartermaster's office  
London August 20th 1864

1st Cavalry Regt  
Hans

Sir

Yours of the 12th inst. enclosing a letter  
has been received. I will write to you about  
you say about the Burnett letter.

Very respectfully,  
your obt. Servt.

Quartermaster's office  
London August 20th 1864

Major G. H. Walter  
Hans

Sir

A B. Fuller agent of the Cotton Bureau  
informs me he shipped on Capt Burnett's train to  
Hans a lot of 46 bales of cotton from Birmingham.  
Please send me by return mail a proper receipt  
for this cotton.

Very respectfully,  
your obt. Servt.





Instructed office  
Hawthorne August 1864

John L. Croft Esq. Capt  
Virginia

Sir,

Yours of the 13th inst has been received.  
Regard's please to take care of the B.R. from your  
office. It is important to receive it at the  
earliest possible moment.

Respectfully  
Yrs. obt. S. C.

Instructed office  
Hawthorne Aug 1864

St. W. Faison Esq. Capt  
La Grange

Sir,

Enclosed please find a lot of original  
purchasing blanks.

Respectfully, Yrs. obt. S. C.

Capt & adjt



Master of the  
 Gunboat *Albatross*

Permy August 29  
 Capt Maj. A. H. Wallis  
 San Antonio

Sir

Yours of the 24th inst is at hand  
 Mr. Dapley has found my original subject  
 to him and has recommended my letter on the  
 subject.

Very respectfully  
 Yr. ob. serv

Edw. Wagner

~~Sanctum in nomine~~  
~~Thomae apostoli~~

Wm. H. Byrnes Esq  
 Raleigh

Sir  
 If you have not already done so  
 I request that you please find the  
 Independence and complete the  
 of the town belonging to the State. Your  
 prompt and effective action necessary for  
 the successful action of the Congress in  
 Washington.

Very respectfully  
 Yours etc. etc.

Capt. M. G. S.



Quartermaster's office  
Hague August 1864

J. B. Bailey Esq  
Huntsville

Yours of the 9th inst is at hand and contents  
read. If you can do not better I will  
best to invest in African strips wanted together.  
I will endeavor to make the objection raised. Your  
agent at New Orleans, Mr. Davis, has promised  
that comes with much ease. I will supply  
you with baggage with all the facilities  
possible but it is very difficult to obtain  
it and we have to use such as we can get.

The rates of freight are higher  
at per one mile for ex. items, and 2¢ per  
mile more, so whatever point is required,  
at half the cost to San Antonio but is  
necessary to come to this place. I am unable  
to get as much as you here as well promptly  
supply blockade runners. Our agent at East  
St. Louis is C. L. Lundy, to whom you can ship where  
you deem it best but do not ship to West St. Louis.  
We have no agent there. Freight will be paid on presentation.  
Very respectfully,  
J. B. Bailey

East & Co.

~~Substantive Office~~  
~~Quadranting Office~~

~~Lower Cannon~~  
~~Cannon~~

Sir

Yours of the 17th inst is at hand and  
has been noted. The application to Mr. Martin has  
been sent. I will forward suggestions as to  
the proposed moment. I have understood  
your requesting his prompt and effective action  
in supplying the case. Capt. Thynne  
is in the lower part of his sword and  
cannot immediately attend to business.

Very respectfully  
Yours old friend

Capt. Thynne



From Cotton Office  
Houston Aug 18th 1864

Capt W Wood  
Beaumont

Sir

I ship you to day on 2nd train  
to Beaumont care of H & S Lee  
2 Bales India Daggins 420 yds  
4 bales Cotton Rope 834 pounds  
I have found receipt for same to the office  
Very Respectfully,  
L. L. H.

From Cotton Office  
Houston Aug 18th 1864

Major Moore Austin  
Beaumont

Beaumont

I ship you on  
to days train 30 bales Max Machine Rope 2319 pounds  
5 Bales India Daggins 1800 yds.  
I will endeavor to keep you a supply on hand  
I send to care of H & S Lee Beaumont  
I have found receipt for same to the office  
Very Respectfully,  
L. L. H.

Wm. D. H. Co.  
Humboldt Aug 18th 1864

Mr. H. H. H. H.  
Humboldt

at ship you on the day's train  
for St. Louis, 420 yds. (bagging)  
Millman 3 542 tons (to ship)

for Sam. D. H. H., 150 yds. (bagging)  
Millman 3 256 pounds (to ship)

You will please forward receipt for same to the office  
Very Respectfully,  
C. H. H. H.

Wm. D. H. Co.  
Humboldt Aug 18th 1864

Mr. H. H. H. H.  
Columbia

at ship you by the day's train  
for J. G. H. H., 270 yds. (bagging)  
Columbia 3 200 pounds (to ship)

Adams 2 200 yds. (bagging)  
Columbia 3 200 pounds (to ship)

Please acknowledge receipt of same to the office

Very Respectfully,  
C. H. H. H.

the shipping office is to be applied to the  
Columbia, which is to be delivered to the



Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston, Aug 18. 1864.  
(Capt Burleson County)

Mr. Wm. E. Hillman,  
Lieut.

The bottom which you will require for  
the Govt in Burleson County has been pledged  
to Mr. E. B. Edmunds, who will furnish the  
transportation for the same, and convey it  
to the Rio Grande - You will therefore  
not ship any bottom, or allow any to be re-  
moved from the County, except by orders  
of Mr. Edmunds, and upon the transportation  
furnished by him.

You will send to this Office one copy  
of Bill of Lading taken on each shipment,  
also the Receipt of Mr. Edmunds or his only  
authorized Agent.

Very respectfully  
Yours truly  
G. G. Hill  
Capt & Agt.

Quartermaster's Office

Hanover, Aug 18. 1864

Majr J. L. Thomas

Chf. Clk. State Hist. Soc.

Hanover

Majr,

I have the honor to request the  
detail of

J. H. Driskell - 29 yrs - 5 ft 8 in high, dark  
complexion, dark hair, blue eyes - Resident  
of Hays County - enlisted in Davis' company -

for service with the 1st Cavalry Division - to  
the charge of a train of wagons engaged  
in transporting cotton in Govt. account.  
Please order him to report to me for  
assignment to duty.

Very respectfully

James W. Brown

Chf. Clerk

Conf. Secy

on duty in Capt. Brown's



*My Dear Sir*  
*Thank you for your*

*of the 9th inst*  
*concerning*

*in*

*not yet received*

*to see if I can find*  
*any more copies*  
*of the same*

*Very truly yours*  
*Wm. M. Wilford*

*Wm. M. Wilford*

Quartermasters Office  
 Houston August 18. 1864

Thos. F. McKinney Esq  
 Special Agent  
 Austin

Sir

Yours of the 9th inst covering B/L of  
 six boxes cotton R. M. Wilford is at hand. Enclosed  
 find details for Twenty six (26) conscripts  
 applied for by you, and completing all on hand  
 I have for you

Very respectfully  
 Your obt Svt

Capt & a com

Read Quite True. Can't off  
Humble Aug 18 1844.

A. G. Westat Esq  
Barnes

Sir

I ship on to day train  
to care of A. Adair's Columbia  
240 yds India Rubber  
310 yds Lead

Very Respectfully  
C. C. M. Lupton  
Hammill

Enclosed for  
Hammill August 18 1844

That is the quantity of  
India Rubber  
intended

Sir

Some of the 240 yds of  
rubber is at hand. The  
remainder (20 yds) is at  
Hammill for you. and  
I have for you

Very Respectfully  
C. C. M. Lupton

Sept 2 1844



Quartermaster's office  
Houston Aug 18. 1864

✓  
St. J. W. Storey  
Cotton Gen  
Sir

✓  
Yours of the 10th inst to Col. Hutchins has been received. There is no vacancy in any of the purchasing agents of the Cotton Bureau. Mr. S. C. Store is agent for Freestone County. The regulations prevent the detail of a party out of the District in which his command lies, and your company being in Louisiana you would have to be detailed at Shreveport.

Very Respectfully  
your obt. Svt.

Capt & A. G. M.  
on duty in Cotton Bureau

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Aug 18. 1864

S. D. Foote Esq agt.  
Wharton

Sir

Enclosed find detail of Mrs. Towns  
and as requested.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt

Capt. Vasey

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Aug 18. 1864

W. L. Abbott  
Cotton Gin

Sir

Enclosed find your detail as  
requested. You will report yourself  
without delay to Capt W. W. Barnett  
at Henderson. Luck. Res.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt



Houston Aug 18. 1864

M. W. Barnett  
Henderson

Sir

I have detailed W. L. Abbott in  
N. E. Texas and ordered him to report to  
you -

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. S. T.

Quarters Masters Office  
Houston August 18. 1864

John Walston Esq. Agt.  
Alleyton

Sir

Enclosed find detail for F. Peters  
applied for by you. Orders have been  
received from Dist Head Quarters that  
hereafter no man will be detailed unless  
he belongs to the Reserve Corps. You will  
bear this in mind and apply for no  
more details, except from the Reserve  
Corps.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. S. T.

Cotton Bureau, Sept. 1864. 160  
Houston Aug 17, 1864

General

I have the honor to call your attention to the within application for assistance from Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 64 to enable me to retain the clerks now on duty in this office. Col. Brantwell recommends that I apply for two of them for appointments as bonded agents of the G. M. Sept. I have already applied for H. R. Percy. I will ask also that Mr. T. J. League be appointed. It will be worse than useless to try to accomplish anything here unless we can retain a competent working force. Even as it is I am sadly short of assistance. I cannot find disabled soldiers or men in the reserve corps who can help me at all. The employees of the Mining & Mtl. Bureau & the herders of Maj Howard's Co. have been exempted. You are aware of the interest General Smith takes in this Bureau, & of its vital importance to this Dept. I trust, General, you will consider yourself warranted in issuing an order exempting the agents and employees of this Bureau from field service, and will at least appoint the two gentlemen named to the positions applied for.

Brig. Genl. W. R. Boggs  
Chief of Staff &c

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt.  
Col. T. J. Wells  
Capt & a qu  
in duty in Cotton Bureau



Quartermasters' Office

Norriston Aug 19. 1864

Wm. S. A. Robinson, Apt  
Hoscow

Sir, I have received from Dept Hdqrs. a refusal to grant the detail of D. Strauss - which I feel that this action on the part of Col Smith is an injury to the service. I can do no more than accept his decision as he has made it - I send you the paper which you can return to me.

There is considerable Cotton in the Sabine River in Austin & Sabine Counties - which I would be glad to control at an early day, but as Col Broadwell has assigned Austin Co. Troops I will not interfere with it except with your consent. If you will not object I will apply for the services of Mr. H. H. Ward, a Steamboat Captain and avail of him for the removal of this sort of the way Cotton to Beaumont. He is now engaged at Belgrade raising a sunken Boat load of Govt. Cotton & I should like to hear from you by return mail in order to communicate with him before he gets through his present job & is transferred elsewhere - You may designate him a sub-agent, or Transportation Agent if you like.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

C. C. H. H. H.  
Capt. & Co.

Quarantine Agents' Office: ✓

Houston, Augt 19. 1867

W. H. Campbell Esq - - -  
Eagle Pass, Texas ✓

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of 10<sup>th</sup> & put under contents.

I hardly know what to tell you in regard to Maj. Harts' letters. It is true that Capt. Ransom is charged with settling up Maj. Harts' business & as such in the case should be entitled to the disposition of the letters. But as you have orders from Col. Broadwell, or from me by his direction, to send this correspondence to Major Harts with the other Govt. letters I apprehend you do your duty best by sending it forward.

I have been shown your letter receipt to Maj. Harts for 859 R/C - Are you sure none of this has been shifted by Capt. Hartsell or other Agents for and of Col. Harts? Care must be taken to receive Col. H. against receiving for more letters than actually comes into his hands -

Since Richmond City & Monroeville are opened & express & Pass will soon leave you will have an opportunity to close up your accounts. I fear the business is pretty much tangled up everywhere - Not much better here -

Very respectfully Yours obd.

C. C. Phelps  
Capt. 1st Regt



Warren's office

Houston August 17, 1864

T. W. Cunningham Esq. agt.

Port Sullivan

Sir

Yours of the 13th inst is at hand and contents noted. The contract under which Thos. F. McKinney is purchasing cotton, is a special contract entered into before the organization of the present Cotton Bureau. It was made at a time when the necessities of the government were very pressing, and is adhered to by the government on account of <sup>fair</sup> good, and the Cotton Bureau has only nominal jurisdiction over this contract. The contract is about I think completed, and Thos. McKinney's acts in purchasing will soon cease, if they have not done so already. The McKinney contract has from its terms been a source of much annoyance to the Cotton Bureau. I am entirely out of cotton but expect a supply very soon, and will supply your demands as early as practicable. You will have to hold the party holding cotton, responsible for the sale of it. Where the party who has possession of cotton refuses to sell on the terms of the Bureau, and it is immaterial how he holds, whether as administrator, guardian,

store keeper or in any other capacity, you will receive  
 a set of the cotton, and in event of refusal, you will  
 represent the matter with all the surrounding material  
 facts to the regular appointed impressing officer  
 of your district for his action. It is impossible for  
 us to settle questions of ownership, as chase the title  
 to property all over the state. Your actions to some  
 extent will have to be in a legal phrase, in rem  
 on the cotton. You will permit no cotton to leave  
 your district until you have purchased the  
 half, unless you have some particular reason for  
 the contrary. You will have to exercise a sound  
 discretion in this matter. We do not wish to  
 infringe if it can be avoided by any reasonable  
 exercise of patience, trouble and explanation, but  
 at the same time we cannot be trifled with. The  
 wants of the army are pressing, and all neces-  
 sary requisites they shall be supplied as promptly  
 as practicable.

Very respectfully  
 Yrs. obt. S. G. T.

Capt & A. G. M.



Quartermaster's Office  
Houston, Aug 19. 1854

Dear Stone Esq. Capt  
Brenham.

I am in receipt of your favor of 18<sup>th</sup> inst  
note Contents -

In receiving Cotton, I would instruct you, generally  
not to receive any Cotton of lower grade than  
Ordinary - This is the reason why the Texas Office  
never had a lower classification - Inferior Cotton is  
unmerchantable & is of no use to us whatever -

The reclamations upon the Bureau from House, Bell  
Hatchings & Co. Rosenberg & Schiffman & Koppert, give me  
more trouble than the whole business is worth - In  
turning over Cotton to parties who take it at our classifica-  
tions we are certainly liable to reclamations if the quality  
falls short - Consequently when Cotton is offered

to you, as an original delivery, you should not receive  
it or Receipt for it - If however, the Cotton has been  
sent to you by Mr. Cannon or other Agents, I do not see  
how you can avoid receiving it - Ascertain whether  
Mr. Cannon has previously received for it, & then guard  
against duplicating receipts for the same Cotton - If  
he has not received for it, & it is inferior, so state  
in the body of your receipt - This will ensure

Quartermasters' Office.  
Houston, Aug 19. 1864

Wm. Hale Esq  
Laredo.

I am in receipt of your favor of 5th inst. &  
enclosed you copy of the letter from Col. B. to Mr. Hill,  
P. M. is asked for by you -

Col. Broadwell being now in San Antonio I  
refer your letter to him for answer to the main  
points -

Very respectfully,  
Your obt. servt  
C. E. Hill  
Capt & A. Q. M.



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Nov. 19. 1864

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*var. leucogaster*

Dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of the land for the purpose of building a school house. I am very glad to hear that you are so interested in the welfare of the community, and I am sure that the land will be purchased at a reasonable price. I have already written to the Board of Education and they are now considering the matter. I will keep you posted as soon as a decision is reached. Very respectfully,  
 J. H. Smith

Ed. McKimrey will yield his contract as soon as 2000  
Bales are procured - Less than 1000 have been sent  
forward so far -  $\frac{1}{2}$  of which is for Govt, under the  
arrangement made with McKimrey is to be applied to the  
liquidation of the Meins claim - If Mr Perkins applies  
the Cotton otherwise where is Meins to look to for payment

I enclose Mr. Wales' letters which please return  
when added upon. I have sent him the copy of your  
letter to Mr. Perkins. Capt. King, the head of the  
firm is here now determined to cancel the contract at  
once unless some payment are made. He says Capt.  
Twissell told him he would deliver Cotton on my order



at San Antonio, & he applies to me for the order. Of course I do not feel warranted to give so large an order on Capt J. & will not assume the responsibility. I have urged Capt King to follow me to San Antonio but he seems to think it would avail him nothing. Now, look, it is necessary to do something for them - Mr. Perkins will not pay - Capt Smithell will not pay & King & Co. think they are at the end of their nose - Release them by sending to me an order - promissory - on Mr. Perkins, & another on Capt Smithell, to turn over to them 1000 or 1500 R/O - I know the draft is large, but Capt H. & Capt J. can meet it, & it will be the salvation of our credit with the only people we can depend upon for supplies. Their patience is exhausted & they say they have no more money to spend - If they shut down on Bonds, & commands just as Brownsville has come into possession we will lose more than we can gain by temporarily withholding the Cotton from them. Please think of their case and send me something which will satisfy King. He will not bear putting off -

Very respectfully  
 Yours obt. serv  
 E. B. Kelly  
 Capt & Agt.

Quartermaster's Office  
 Canadian Aug 19 1864

S. A. Miller Esq Agent  
 Crockett

Sir

Yours of the 8th & 13th insts are at hand. I will endeavor to answer your various <sup>inquiries</sup> ~~inquiries~~ as to be comprehensible. The blanks furnished if filled out as contemplated will furnish this office with all general information it requires, when however there is any thing you may deem it important for this office to know and where your report has no blanks for. Enclose it inside back of the report.

Your 1st objection to the form if I understand you is there is no blank for the BTR furnished. If you will look at the form immediately under the Bellows side you will at once see, that when it is filled up and signed by you as agent and returned here, it will conform as accurately the quantity of the ~~of~~ kind & rate furnished the vendor of cotton. There is no blank left after. Parker, who elect to sell under the improvement price, because we do not suppose there is any one out of a lunatic's asylum who is foolish enough to sell their whole crop at that rate.



when they come off are the same. The Bureau's check books are not kept in the bank, refused to sell and their work is imperfect. The of a cottonseed from improvement with permit of experimentation, will sell for a great deal more in the market than the whole crop would bring at 25¢ per pound.

If you can avoid it do not furnish bagging and rope for cotton baled but I would much prefer in all cases to pay double rather than if you from former instructions ~~of the~~ a precedent and cannot obtain baled cotton except by furnishing bagging and rope. You will have to follow old instructions. It is extremely difficult, almost impossible, to obtain ~~the~~ and I wish to economize it as much as possible.

The Bureau are established to obtain in season to supply the wants of the army with such goods as could not be obtained at home and have authority only to obtain good cotton at its own price and no other. It has no discretion.

The contract between the Bureau and the vendor is as you saw was only intended to give the right of the government in the case of a dispute. ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~assurances~~ are made and the vendor at the delivery of the cotton, based on your report made at that time. Every voucher and receipt given or taken, if you must be in duplicate and a copy sent back.

Mr. Perry and others at the Bureau will advise you about the affidavits to be made regarding the baled cotton obtained from the vendors.

No party can be designated to transport cotton unless he has transportation for all bales, by which is meant that he must have sufficient transportation to carry all the cotton at one time, and not for a few bales at different intervals. A recent order from District

quarters stops any more details from the army,  
and hereafter all details must be from conscripts  
conscriptes or members of the reserve corps.

I have not a yard of B. or  
going or a pound of rope but will supply you  
as soon as practicable. Cotton is not in  
good merchantable order unless it is put up  
in bagging and bales, and will not be received  
from us in any other manner. It is used in lieu of  
the bales soon put out the bagging.

follows a party refuses to  
 give up the cotton, for any reason,  
 with the  
 case, to Maj. St. Romaine. The  
 regular impressing officer of your district  
 for his action. We now let the regular  
 officer appointed for the purpose do all  
 the impressing. Having found it occupied  
 too much time to have issued a special  
 order in every case. The party in possession  
 of cotton must assume the responsibility to sell, and  
 do all correspondence with the alleged  
 owner of the cotton. Where the party in pos-  
 session refuses to sell, you offer giving him  
 reasonable time to consider and correspond  
 with the owner, represent the case to the



expressing officer in whose department you  
 select his for his action. It is impossible  
 for us to settle questions of title or chase  
 the ownership of cotton all over the  
 State, I will send you by tomorrow train  
 a lot of stationery and envelopes, under  
 in care of our agent at Nashville,  
 Jas. Hedder to be sent you on the  
 next train from that point. so look out  
 for the bundle or you will lose  
 it

Very Respectfully  
 Yours &c S. S.

6:44 a.m.

Quartermaster's Office  
Hanson August 20, 1864

D. C. Stone Esq. agt  
Fairfield

Sir

Yours of the 12th inst is at hand. When the government furnishes bagging and rope the price given which is set out in your instructions, when the cotton is baled then double rates are paid for cotton. The object of giving double rates is to compensate the party for the value of the B&R furnished. When you purchase cotton you can furnish bagging and rope for the whole crop, the price to be deducted from the half sent the government. I will send you B&R as soon as I can obtain a fresh supply.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. S. T.

Capt & a gm



Quartermaster Office ✓  
Houston August 20, 1861.

W. H. Baker Esq  
Chappell Hill  
Sir

✓  
A copy of the order requesting the detail  
of J. D. Grieff has been received. I am just  
in receipt of an order from District Head Quartermaster  
to the effect that hereafter the details will be  
drawn from the army for any purpose. It  
appears that Grieff is from your communication and  
has been assigned to Flournoys Regt which is  
now in Louisiana, and the order quoted above  
prevents his being detailed. The regulations  
of the army do not permit the detail of a party  
out of the District in which his command  
is stationed, and as Grieff's company being  
in Louisiana, he will have to be detailed  
at Shreveport. I have no authority to apply  
for his detail here.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. S. T.

Left for you

Quartermasters office ✓  
Houston Aug 20. 1864

Capt W. W. Barrett

Henderson

Sir ✓

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst to Col. Woodwell has  
been received and contents noted. If the party you  
refer to will deliver his cotton at Waco, he can  
then sell half to the government, and receive  
an exemption and permit of exportation for  
the balance.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt

Capt & a gm





Master's Office

Houston Texas Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

C. J. Smith Esq  
Houston

Sir

Your favor of 8<sup>th</sup> inst enclosing  
receipts for the purchased from C. A. Bradshaw  
goods - I acknowledge and now my certified  
the same to begin for same - You will please get  
Mr Bradshaw to begin for the Bagging, the he is to  
provide vouchers -

I am also in receipt of yours  
of 8<sup>th</sup> inst covering shipping of the shipped to  
Smith - Please forward me as soon as  
possible the list from whom purchased, class,  
marks, and weights -

Very Respectfully

B. E. Wells  
Captain & Co. M.  
By Percy C. Wells

Quartermasters Office

London August 20th 1864

John T. Parker or G. M. Humphreys  
Yorktown Sewall Co

Sir

Your communication of the 14th inst  
was received today. If Mr. Adolph Sprue the  
party for whose detail you apply for, is not  
a member of a company, he can be detailed  
to transport cotton, by obtaining an affidavit  
from for his services from one of the purchasing  
agents of the Cotton Bureau. I have no use  
for cotton here, and only apply for them  
on the application for their services from some  
purchasing agent of this office. I will enclose  
your letter to Capt. F. J. Lynch our agent at  
Gangaully, and in whose district your  
company lies. I refer you to him for any  
further action in the matter.

You had better at once,  
write Capt. Lynch and  
enclose Mr. Sprue's descriptive  
roll. I have instructed Capt

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt

Lynch to employ him if capable. Capt. F. J. Lynch  
is in duty in Cotton Bureau



Quartermaster Office  
Houston August 28th 1864

Capt F. J. Lynch  
Gonzales  
Texas

Enclosed please find a letter from John T. Parker, and G. W. Humphreys of Yorktown Secrest Co. requesting the release of one Adolph Sprue. I have written them stating I would refer the letter to you for your action. It seems from the letter that Mr. Sprue has more charity than falls to the lot of most transients at this time, and if you have any use for him and his team, I think it would be advisable to employ him.

I am just in receipt of an order from District Commandant to the effect that hereafter no more men will be detailed from the ~~reserves~~ <sup>army</sup> for any purpose, & he leaves no right to obtain any transportation from the reserve boys and unassigned conscripts.

Very respectfully  
Yr attt &c

Capt &c

Quartermaster's office ✓  
 Hamilton August 31. 1864

Major H. O. Baughin  
 Gonzales  
 Major

✓  
 Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst requesting detail  
 of B. I. Bridger is at hand. I can not supply  
 for the detail until I am supplied with a  
 list. If Mr. Bridger has his detail for  
 Major Hart, please send it to me and I will make  
 a new detail based on it, and not apply to the  
 conscript service, this will save much time.

I am just in receipt of an  
 order from District Head Quartermaster, to the  
 effect that hereafter no details will be made  
 from the army, so hereafter unassigned conscripts  
 and the Reserve Corps is only open to be drawn from  
 which to obtain conscripts. I am under the  
 impression we will soon be limited to the  
 Reserve Corps alone.

Very Respectfully  
 Yours obt. Sot

Capt & a gm



Quartermaster's Office

Hartford August 20, 1864

J. S. Vedder Esq.

Hartford

Sir

Yours of the 19th inst. concerning 8 ft for twelve  
 rolls cotton purchased by Mr. Webb from S. & S. Benson  
 was here received. I sent you by the train that left  
 today a bundle of stationery, for S. M. Miller  
 agent at Brackett. Please forward it by the  
 stage to its destination.

Very Respectfully  
 your obt. Servant

Capt &amp; a gm

San Francisco, Calif. ✓

San Francisco August 20, 1880

J. H. McLaughlin Esq. ✓  
 San Francisco Bluff

Sir

Yours of the 10th inst. enclosing copy of  
 your order of Oct. 5, 1876. has been received  
 and is being held.

Very respectfully  
 Yours etc. ✓

Capt. W. A. S. S.



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The above is a copy of a letter from  
 the Hon. Secy of the Interior  
 to the Hon. Secy of the Navy  
 dated 10th Nov. 1880  
 and is in the file of the  
 Hon. Secy of the Interior  
 under the heading of  
 "Navy".

Commercial Office

Houston Jan 20 1862

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1890-1891

Sept. 20. 1860. I have just received your letter of the 15th inst. by the express. I have the pleasure to see that you are still in the hands of the same old friends. I have the pleasure to see that you are still in the hands of the same old friends. I have the pleasure to see that you are still in the hands of the same old friends.



The following Parties, also, hold Bagging & Rope  
belonging to the U.S. Service -

say - H. Strauss - for about 1000 lbs.

J. P. Garner - 1000 lbs.

Mrs. O'Brien - 1000 lbs.

S. W. Barnes - 1000 lbs.

W. H. Gillett - 1000 lbs.

J. H. Jones - 1000 lbs.

You will please collect the Cotton & Bagging & Rope  
and send me your receipts for the amount of 2500 -  
This will place the property at the disposal of the  
Custom Bureau, and enable me to close up my work  
business, as you are aware, has been seriously kept  
Rancome.

The expense of handling & weighing the Cotton will  
be repaid you here, on presentation of your receipt -

I hope, Col., it will be convenient for you to  
make me an early report on the same. Capt. Rancome  
& I are anxious for a settlement. They cannot  
have it until I send them the weight of the above Cotton  
and a receipt which will ensure its delivery beyond a  
doubt -

The Cotton & Bagging is not paid for  
as no 8% funds can be had - It is possible you will  
have to let this cargo go, but if so you can let them have  
it -

Franklin's Office

November, 1864

J. B. Bailey Esq. New York

My dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.

in relation to the 14th Regt of Maine Infantry

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst.

2nd Regt of 90th Regt

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

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I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst.

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and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

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I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst.

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and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

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I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst.

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and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst.

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I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.



## Quartermaster's Office

Hartford, Aug 20. 1874

Lieut. B. Robinson, Major

Dear Sir, I spoke to you when you were  
 here about the Goat. Cotton in Park & Tyler Counties, being  
 sent to Maj. S. Wark's Department, you said you would  
 take charge of it. Now that it was forwarded to Augusta -

The lots are -

in charge of N. Bailey, Quartermaster Park Co.

J. B. Chubbuck 3.50

J. H. Harnell 18.00

J. H. Harnell 18.00

H. B. Stencel 3.50

Purchased by

A. van Buren

J. H. Harnell

D. Stranell - Museum

J. H. Snigley - Exhibit

D. J. H. Martin

Mr. Stuger - Museum

Mr. Deagie -

A. J. Gagner

Mr. H. Williams

Mr. Kennedy

Mr. Wm. Ashley

D. Paul Carrington

Z. Benfield, Peachtree Village, Ga. D. Cannon

Edw. Cunningham

S. A. Barnes

Purchased by

Co. Gordon

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I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am  
 glad to hear that you are well and happy. I am  
 also well and hope to hear from you again soon.  
 I am, dear friend, ever your affectionate friend,  
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

The following is a copy of the letter which  
I wrote to you on the 10th of the month of June and a  
letter from a friend of mine in London to me on the 15th  
of the same month. I am sorry to hear that you are  
ill and hope you will soon be well. I am well and  
hope to hear from you soon. I am your friend  
and affectionate son, John C. Smith.

The above is a list of the names of the persons who have been  
 named in the above report. The names are given in the order in which  
 they were named. The names are given in the order in which they were  
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Quartermaster's Office  
 Boston August 20, 1864

John H. H. H. H. H.  
 Allington

Yours of the 18th inst is at hand and  
 under need. I have no large envelopes and  
 am for use to turn all 0 received for use. I will  
 pay for what B.R. you accepted for to pay.  
 I have seen Ball's sketches about the campaign  
 and to turn over to him, and they state they  
 have no means of conveying it to Allington. As  
 you will have to have it conveyed to that  
 point.

Very Respectfully  
 Yours etc. S. H.

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Quartermaster office ✓  
 Washington D.C.

Mr. John E. Agt  
 Richmond

Sir

Yours of the 18th inst is at hand and contents noted. In your letter you state ordered paid Perry and Greenwood receipt for shipment of 41 bales cotton to F. C. Smith. I had forgot to enclose it. Please forward the receipt. Mr. Day our cotton clerk will forward the permit and strength of Dr. W. A. Moore as requested. I have not yet heard from the application for the detail of W. J. Smith and doubt very much if it can be obtained.

Very respectfully  
 Your obt. Serv

Enc

Wm. J. Smith

Encloses certificate Dr. W. A. Moore  
 4 Bales cotton 3520 lbs

✓  
Houston August 20, 1863

✓  
Gen Stone Esq  
Spt Agent  
Brenham

Sir

Yours of the 17th inst is at hand. I have  
appaid for the detail of the negroes during the  
leave of Mr. Allen, and alleged their names to reside  
in Bastrop County. The next time you apply for the detail  
of negroes be careful and state the county in which  
their owners reside. This is requisite so their names  
can be credited with them on their quota.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Sot

Capt & agent

F. B. Bailey Esq agt  
Cinterville

Sir

Yours of the 17th inst covering report for  
week ending 13th inst has been received.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Sot

Quartermaster Office ✓  
Houston August 20, 1863



Inspection Office  
Havana August 20, 1904

Book Reg. Agt  
Inspected

Yours of the 9th inst. is at hand. The sub-  
mission of cotton has been arranged at this office.  
Mr. E. Kirby has been secured about his cotton and  
has told that one half of his cotton is subject  
to your order. Let Kirby's name be stamped  
and I suggest you see him at once and close the  
affair. My training details has not yet been received.  
I am received 20 Sp. received from the West.

You can ship to San Antonio  
all cotton in the western limits of your country  
as fast as ready for shipment without any  
restriction from me. You can ship the cotton  
and secured near industry by Mr. Morris or any  
other party in government employ you may  
select. I have not a word of begging  
or a pound of rope on hand and as soon as  
I can obtain a supply will supply you. It is  
almost impossible to keep up any large order.

Very respectfully  
Yours truly

Capt. & Co.

*[Faint handwritten notes at the bottom of the page, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]*

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The same upon they shall release the prisoners  
the details as requested.  
I am very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
J. W. Caldwell

I have your answer & try & send you  
the matter as I can & see Mr. Harwood  
in the office & try to get it done.  
I am very truly,  
H. E. Hall  
H. E. Hall  
H. E. Hall









Quartermaster's Office,  
Hobart Bay 20. 1874.

Mr. A. Cross Esq  
Victoria.

Sir

I enclose herewith order for your  
bagging & rope. Please take charge of it  
on account of this Office, & use it to best advantage,  
to the value you & have. I enclose Receipt for the  
quantity of each. I send you also an application  
for receipt to enable you to receive your quantity  
of each to charge you with. This Office has  
nothing to do with the charge on the B. & R. as  
as to the time you have it over. My  
and your order is sent.

Very respectfully

Yours at order

C. C. Wells

Capt R. R. R.

Monroe Aug 20th 1844

My dear Adeline

Here please find order from S. B. for \$100.00 for baggage and ship. Have also received to certify the amount. We are awaiting return before we can bill with final. Your immediate attention will be appreciated.

Respectfully  
S. B. Thompson

Wm. Thomas Dept. of Agriculture  
Houston, Aug. 20th 1844.

Capt S. B. Smithell,  
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of 17th inst. enclosing the receipt of Mr. Whitaker's for \$100.00 which will place at your credit & thank you for completing the transaction as requested.

I have no specie funds here and am not likely to receive any shortly. I must ask you to pay Whitaker the freight on this cotton. When you can please advise me, as Mr. W. may make application to me in the meantime.

Very respectfully,  
Yours truly  
S. B. Smithell  
Capt & Agent.



✓  
 Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss  
 Houston, Aug 20. 1861  
 Perry August Esq. At J. M. Dept.  
 San Antonio.

Sir -

✓  
 I am in receipt of your favor of 18th inst  
 which I enclose.

The construction placed upon Genl Smith's order  
 in regard to transferred permits, is that it refers only  
 to gratuitous ones. Genl Hutchins never issued an  
 exemption but for a valuable consideration gained  
 by the Govt. Consequently his exemptions are allowed  
 to be transferred & either he or I endorse them to Maj  
 Willie when they are returned here as not in force.  
 One great element of their value was their transferability &  
 the right to transfer has always been conceded to the parties  
 by the Cotton Office.

The two permits you have held in abeyance in consequence  
 of not being on the list furnished Maj Willie, are genuine  
 if Genl H. & my endorsement are recognized by you as genuine.  
 In the hurry & pressure of business, & must confess want of system  
 in the C. O. at one time, it is very likely that no record was kept  
 perfectly as to avoid the suspicion of a few intruders. As you do not  
 see the certificates I cannot vouch for them here, but if you know the  
 movements you may conclude they are correct.

Very respectfully  
 C. H. Wells  
 Cash 10/9/61

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss.  
Houston, Sept 20. 1864.

Maj. S. W. Hilly  
San Antonio,

Sir,

Mr. Henry Rhine holds my exemption for  
(400) Four hundred Bales Cotton, given him in  
payment of a lot of Machinery sold to Maj. S. W.  
Haguer and Clothing Bureau. &c. upon the con-  
dition that he was to furnish his own Cotton to  
use the exemption on.

Mr. Rhine finds it difficult to use the exemption  
in its present shape, as being too unwieldy. He can-  
not divide it at this late date & therefore to you,  
with the request that you will facilitate him by  
issuing to him four permits of one hundred  
Bales each, or in lots of fifty Bales if he de-  
sires it. Mr. R. will be compelled to apply  
his permits as he can find Cotton for sale, and  
as it relieves the work of the payment he is  
not restricted to any particular portion of the  
State in making his purchases. except that we  
have his promise that he will interfere with the  
operations of our Agents.

Very respectfully,  
S. W. Hilly  
Capt. & Agent.



Quadrangle Office

Houston, Aug 20 1864

Gen. Stonewall Jackson  
Bencham.

Sir,

I have your favor of 20 that took contact -  
Mr. Alden's contract with the Company must be  
carried out - The contract was for the Cotton  
was part of the Bloomfield lot, increased as  
such - If so there is no need of blessing it -  
Ship it as is many Bales & forward. Send me  
one by Ladwig. Mr. Alden was to do the  
work on the - Texas to send the Cotton to San  
Antonio.

The lot of Cotton you mention as sent you by  
Mr. Cannon in Remittable Paper - you will receive as  
requiring entire new Paper - If you know that  
Mr. Cannon has not received for it you will  
please receipt for it yourself on your own  
classification and weight.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Co. C. W. H.

Capt. R. G. M.

Quartermaster's Office,  
Houston, Aug 20. 1864

Hesene Moore & Son

Orange -

Genl.

I send you at last the Box of Drugs,  
as ordered by Capt Hall - The Box of Clothing  
(no date) went over with the Rope for Tackle,  
early in the week - Bagging & Rope has  
also been sent - I will continue to send, &  
trust, rapidly enough to keep your presses at  
work -

I gave an order on you to day for 2.4th  
Dime for 200 lbs for John Charles Russell.  
Get Capt Schneider to draw receipt for it, and  
send me a Statement with the Capt of the  
Schooner's Receipt attached - This delivery  
will cover the transportation of the Cotton to  
Houston - You can make the whole  
delivery at Orange if you prefer -

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt

C. G. Wells

Capt Raggs



Cotton Bureau, Dept Lane Miss.,  
Houston Aug 20. 1864

Maj A. H. Willie  
San Antonio.

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 18th inst  
to Col Broadwell - who will be with you  
before this reaches you -

Col Albin will be here in a few days  
and shall see your suggestions as to the course  
he should pursue to obtain permits for the  
free Cotton - The main reason why the  
Cotton is not divided before reaching the Rio  
Grande is to give the Govt the benefit of an  
equal division of quality & price, a result which  
cannot always be reached here though we try our  
best to do it - Patentism gets ahead of us  
in the long run, & the Planter's favor much better  
than the Govt -

I gave Mr. Rhine a letter to you today, ask-  
ing you to divide his Washita exemption in  
such lots as will enable him to use it - The  
letter will explain itself - I think it should be  
done for him -

Very respectfully yr obt serv

C. S. Wells

Capt R. A. G. A.

Quartermaster Office  
Houston August 22, 1864

Major Charles Russell  
San Antonio

Major

Yours of the 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> insts have been received and contents noted. A special officer Capt. J. H. Thomas has been sent from Virginia and is now here, to control the wool business and I apprehend he will require all the funds of that department. Major Cabell has been directed by Col. Broadwell to come in the mail next to Capt. Thomas. The regulations are peremptory and practically present the detail of a non-commissioned officer and it is useless to apply for the detail of Corporal Henderson. The bagging and rope being introduced by W. H. Hall and to which you refer, is specially pledged to King & Co. under their contract, to be used on cotton in Matagorda County. Enclosed I return Mr. Shopshire's letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. Col. Broadwell is at San Antonio and can give it his attention.

Very respectfully  
G. W. Surt

Capt. A. M.



Intendant's office

London August 22 1794

Mr. J. La Roche Esq

Bishop

Yours of the 9th inst requesting details  
of 9 muskets has been received, and enclosed  
you will find the details as requested. I have  
also detailed to you for Dring's a considerable  
number of cartridges, and can not tell what use  
you have for the number detailed. I am not  
aware of your having any material quantity  
of cotton ready for shipment. Before you make  
any more applications for details, you will  
please inform me for what purpose the cartridges  
are required, what is the necessity for the same  
and when they are to be employed. Dear

Very respectfully  
Yours obt Serv

Loft & a qm

2d of the master of the office

London August 22, 1864

2d of Semestre office  
 Houlton August 22, 1864  
 Major

Game of the 9th inst. to Capt. Broadwell has  
 been received and contents noted. I do not think it  
 is necessary to hold an order issued to use the same as  
 formerly in the supply of Maj. Hart. The plan  
 adopted by this office is to issue a new draft  
 based on, and attached to the old draft to Maj. Hart.  
 I have forwarded the details for a new draft  
 to the agent at Porters Bluff. The agent at Porters Bluff has  
 been instructed to forward you cotton on  
 same terms as requested. If parties east  
 of the Trinity will deliver cotton at price they  
 can sell, turn over half on time of the  
 Bureau, and receive an exemption and permit  
 of exportation for the balance.

Very Respectfully  
Yrs. obt. Servt.

Cast & agm



Houston August 22, 1864

J. Cook Esq agt

Hempstead

Sir

A receipt of the 19th inst of the  
shipment of 40 bales of cotton from Shoffell Hill  
is at hand. The cotton referred to has been received.  
Let me know as early as practicable to whom  
of the cotton is to be sent. I am  
in a hurry to get the cotton  
to the place of destination. I am  
very respectfully  
yours  
John Whitaker Esq

John Whitaker Esq

San Antonio

Sir

A receipt of the 13th inst is at hand. I have  
requested within Capt Smith to ship the  
cotton of freight you refer to in the  
enclosed bill.

Very respectfully  
yours  
Capt Smith







Captain Ransom Right Honourable  
 Newcastle, August 22. 1844.  
 Mr. D. Lee Esq. of  
 Eagle Pass.

Sir -

I Mr. Ransom having been for some time  
 the Officer of the agents of the British and  
 the Indian. I have and represent the British and  
 grant the British and the Indian. I have and  
 as the British and the Indian. I have and  
 give the British and the Indian. I have and  
 amount to the British and the Indian. I have and  
 If you have not the goods of the British and  
 exchange - give the British and the Indian. I have and  
 Boston as for rest of the British and the Indian. I have and  
 from Boston to Eagle Pass. I will take up  
 your Receipt for the British and the Indian. I have and  
 was provided to have the British and the Indian. I have and  
 but which Mr. Ransom the British and the Indian. I have and  
 out. I attach a statement of the British and the Indian. I have and  
 to Mr. Ransom for the British and the Indian. I have and  
 done. Please do not in your favour to send  
 me in writing the matter to the British and the Indian. I have and  
 I agree to the British and the Indian. I have and  
 Yours faithfully,  
 Capt. R. D. Lee.

Quartermaster's office  
Havard August 23, 1864

Wm. H. Murray Esq.

Wash.

Sir:

Yours of the 18th inst. has come to hand. It appears from the application of Mr. J. T. Miller that he is a member of Col. Allen's regiment now in Louisiana, and if so application for his detail must be made at Shreveport. The regulations forbid the detail of a soldier out of the district in which his regiment is stationed. I note your some time ago that those in the reserve corps, could only be detailed, such was the wording of the order, but details can still be obtained from the corps of unassigned recruits, in addition to the reserve corps, and men afflicted with disability. The order for the time being can be considered as applicable only to the healthy soldiers in the army.

Very respectfully  
Yr. Obedt. Servt

Capt. & Agt.



Quartermaster's office 212  
Haverton Aug 22 1864

Major J. L. Thomas  
Chief Clerk Service, Western District of Texas  
Major,

I have the honor to request the details  
of the following named conscripts; to wit  
James H. Co. - 20 yrs. 5 ft 6 in Blue eyes, light hair  
light complexion, a native of  
Texas and enrolled in Travis  
County Feb 26, 1862

Charles Johnston - 36 yrs. 5 ft 6 in, Blue eyes, sandy hair  
light complexion, native of Sweden  
Enrolled in Travis County April 7, 1862

Barrett Simpson - 36 yrs. 5 ft 5 in, Gray <sup>eyes</sup> hair, light hair  
light complexion, native of Louisiana  
Enrolled in Williams County July 13, 1862

John Palmer - 30 yrs 6 ft 4 in Gray eyes, dark hair  
light complexion, native of Sweden  
Enrolled in Travis County Oct 6, 1862

A. J. Palmer - 22 yrs, 6 ft, Gray eyes, light  
hair, light complexion, native of Sweden  
Enrolled in Travis County Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 1862

S. L. Olive - 31 yrs, 6 ft 11 in Hazel eyes, dark hair  
dark complexion, native of Tennessee  
Enrolled in Bastrop County July 6<sup>th</sup> 1862

- Sterling E. Huff - 41, 5 ft 8 in. Blue eyes, Dark hair, light complexion, native of Alabama, Enrolled in Caldwell County July 1<sup>st</sup> 1864.
- L. W. Palmer - 19 yrs, 5 ft 8 in, Blue eyes, light hair, light complexion, native of Sweden, Enrolled in Williamson County August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864,
- W. F. Alford - 32 yrs, 5 ft 5 in, Blue eyes, Black hair, Dark complexion, native of Alabama, Enrolled in Travis County Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864
- S. J. Williams - 40 yrs, 5 ft 6 in, Gray eyes, Brown hair light complexion, native of Tennessee, Enrolled in Cameron County Jan'y 1862.
- H. H. Humph - 36 yrs, 6 ft, Blue eyes, light hair, light complexion, native of Alabama, Enrolled in Williamson County, Oct: 6, 1864
- C. B. Sheffield - 37 yrs, 5 ft 8 in, Blue eyes, Brown hair, Fair complexion, native of Georgia, Enrolled in Williamson County, April 24, 1864
- John W. Henderson - 38 yrs, 5 ft 9 in, Hazel eyes, Brown hair fair complexion, native of Kentucky, Enrolled in Travis County, July 28, 1864.
- Andrew Hamilton - 35, 5 ft 10 in, Black eyes, Black hair, Dark complexion, native of Virginia, Enrolled in Williamson County August 11<sup>th</sup> 1864.



- R. Kildress - 38 yrs 5ft 10in blue eyes brown hair fair complexion native Tennessee Enrolled in Falls County on 1st day of January 1863
- J. B. Baker - 34 yrs. 6ft. Gray eyes. Brown hair, fair complexion. Native of Indiana. Enrolled in Williamson County August 16th 1862
- W. J. Baker - 32. 6 ft. Gray eyes light hair. fair complexion. Native of Indiana. Enrolled in Williamson County Oct 10th 1862
- James Davis - 36 yrs. 5ft 8in. Gray eyes. Black hair fair complexion. Native of North Carolina Enrolled in Williamson County July 14, 1862.
- J. M. Sheppard - 22 yrs. 6 ft. Blue eyes. light hair. fair complexion. Enrolled in Williamson County April 23rd 1864. Native of Georgia
- S. L. Ward - 47 yrs. 5ft 9in. Blue eyes. Dark hair. Dark complexion. Native of North Carolina Enrolled in Falls County Jan 25, 1864
- Oliver Taylor - 42 yrs. 5ft 10in. Gray eyes. Brown hair fair complexion. Native of Mississippi. Enrolled in Travis County. Dec. 1st 1862
- J. M. Elliott - 22 yrs. 5ft 8in. Hazel eyes. Brown hair fair complexion. Native of Texas. Enrolled May 4th 1863 for State Military Guard by Col. Ford Chief Constable Bureau





Quartermaster's Office

Houston Aug 22 1864

Maj. J. C. Thomas

Chf. C. B. H. Dist Tex.

Sir,

I have the honor to request the detail  
of one man

J. W. Wells - aged 38 yrs. 5 ft 5 in high - grey  
eyes - sandy hair - sturdy complexion - his  
occupation a wagoner - native of Mississippi -  
for the purpose of transporting Government  
stores to the Rio Grande -

Please order him to report to me for  
assignment to duty -

Very respectfully  
Yours at  
C. C. Wells

Capt. R. A. M.

on duty in Cotton Bureau

Arthur Rineau Dept Home Miss  
Hartford, Aug 22. 1864

General,

I have the honor to enclose my  
Official Book - also that of Lt. Col. Hatchins,  
both of which will I trust prove satisfactory.  
Please acknowledge receipt of same.

Very respectfully  
Yours truly

C. C. Wells

Capt & Agent.

Major Wm. Briggs,

Off of Staff &c.

Shrewsbury, La.

Lt. Col. Wm. Hatchins 9th - appointed Dec 20. 1863  
Capt. C. C. Wells Agent. - June 2. 1864.

James B. & Shepherd & George Ball -

Thos. H. Langue & George Ball -

Books of \$2.00 each



Dear Sumner's Office  
London August 22, 1864

Major J. B. Thomas  
Chief Manuscript Secy. Western District of Texas  
Major

I had the honor on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst to request the detail of M. J. Joiner of Capt Josiah Shaw's company Texas Corps Fayette County for service in the Cotton Bureau. The services of M. Joiner are very material to the Cotton Bureau as assistant agent in Fayette County, as a local teamster, and man of all work. The county of Fayette is a large cotton county and differs materially from other counties of Texas, in being settled by small farmers, who are very much scattered through the county. That agent of the Bureau for Fayette County, writes that he cannot get through with the business of his agency by working late every night and on Sundays, and that his affairs are falling behind for want of assistance. I know that his statements are correct and that he has more to do than one man can accomplish. Please detail M. Joiner at once and order him to report to me promptly.

Very Respy. Yrs. Wm. L. Scott

very truly yr. obt. Servt  
C. A. D. A. M.

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston, Aug 22. 1864

Genl.

I am in receipt of your favor of 20th inst  
relative to the - Below please find the  
order required.

Very respectfully

Chas. D. Rice  
Adjutant -

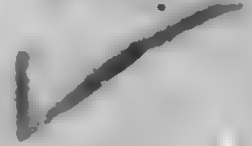
Samuel A. Rice  
C. D. Wells  
Capt & AGT

Dr. C. D. Rice having been detailed to have  
Government horses to San Antonio, and a Dr.  
having the City at the time not being prepared  
to load this team, in consequence of some of the  
the Office, the detail will be ordered to have  
thirty pair of mules equipped to San Antonio  
upon condition that he will be ready to report for  
order to Dr. Rice when notified by order to do so.  
If not ready when so notified the detail will be  
revoked -

C. D. Wells  
Capt & AGT.

Adjutant General's Office  
Houston, Aug 22. 1864





My dear Mr. [illegible]  
 I have the pleasure  
 to acknowledge the receipt of your  
 letter of the 10th inst. and in reply  
 to inform you that the same has been  
 forwarded to the proper authorities for  
 their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 [illegible]  
 I have the pleasure to inform you that the  
 same has been forwarded to the proper  
 authorities for their consideration. I am,  
 Sir, very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 [illegible]

Very respectfully  
 Your obedient servant

Enclosed are official  
 of the Cotton Bureau

Major J. H. Thomas  
 Chief Clerk of the Bureau, Marine Street of the  
 Major

I have the honor to request the return  
 of the  
 of the Bureau of the Cotton Bureau, 5 ft 6 in. long, 4 in.  
 back hair for comparison by  
 a specimen of a merchant. I am  
 in the Bureau.

The services of Mr. Byrd are  
 necessary to the Cotton Bureau for the  
 production of government cotton.

Please order him to  
 report to me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
 J. Mott Smith

Best & a given  
 and duty in the Bureau



Colon Bureau Dept San Antonio  
 Houston, Aug 22 1864

Dear Sir,

I recd your another communication from Mr. Hachin  
 on the subject of Sacking. Please write him something  
 from San Antonio. Also a letter from Lt. H. Walker who  
 wants the agents to report to him, as you will see, on many  
 points. If you think proper I will give the instructions on  
 the return of the paper to me. Also letter of Capt. Ransom,  
 who is now here. I think Capt. R. should have some  
 special instructions. with to pay Mr. Hachin indebtedness to  
 him all the Colon in to the Bureau. My advice is to  
 let Mr. Hachin pay as far as it will go, there will  
 then have no very strong claims upon us founded upon the  
 application of his Colored in other directions. Capt. R.  
 will see you, however, what he wants.

Butcher's longarm which were after started today &  
 forwarded to Carl Dugg.

Nothing of particular interest is transpiring here. The only  
 action is arising chiefly, the being applied for info, relating  
 to the somewhat of the longarm which are sent -

Very respectfully

Samuel A. Smith

Wm. H. H. H. H.

Col. Bureau Dept San Antonio.

San Antonio.

Chas. H. H.

Aug 22 1864

L. N. D. Warner Esq  
Hempstead  
Sir

Sanctum office ✓  
Houston August 22, 1864

I am in receipt of yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst and  
ack contents. Below find the order required  
Very respectfully  
yours obt. Sot

Walt & a que

Mr. L. N. D. Warner having been detailed to have  
government cotton, and Mr. Cook the agent at Hemp-  
stead not being prepared to land his share, in con-  
sequence of orders from this office, Mr. Rice will be  
allowed to transport 1000 bales cotton belonging to the  
penitentiary to Hempstead, or government cotton  
in any direction, on condition he will report  
monthly to Mr. Cook when required, and on failure  
to do so his share will be revoked. I should  
Mr. Warner go to Hempstead on his arrival  
also report to Mr. J. A. Bailey the agent  
of the penitentiary at Hempstead his share  
for the month.



My dear Mr. [unclear]  
 Thank you very much

My dear [unclear]  
 [unclear]

I hope you are well & happy  
 I have been very busy  
 I have been very busy  
 I have been very busy  
 I have been very busy

Very respectfully  
 [unclear]

My dear Mr. [unclear]  
 Thank you very much

My dear Mr. [unclear]  
 [unclear]

I hope you are well & happy  
 I have been very busy  
 I have been very busy  
 I have been very busy  
 I have been very busy

Very respectfully  
 [unclear]

✓  
 Capt. Duncan, Dept. Trans. Miss.  
 Houston, Sept 20. 1864.

✓  
 General.

I have the honor to request that Lieut Louis  
 Hargree, Jr. of Simmons' Regt. be assigned to duty  
 out the office - if the assignment can be made  
 properly.

Mr. Hargree desires the transfer, and as it is  
 impossible under present orders to obtain suitable  
 men from the ranks, it may not be improper to  
 place him on duty here, where his services will  
 be of great benefit to the Govt -

Very respectfully  
 Granatbach

La. C. Kelly

Capt. Hargree.

✓  
 Major J. B. Hargree,  
 Chief of Staff.

Galveston, Tex -



✓  
 Captain Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.  
 Houston. Sept 20. 1864. ✓

✓  
 St. Louis Hardee.

✓  
 Co. D. Simmons' Regt. Texas Inf. (Volunteer).

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 18th inst. re  
 contents.

I have made the application to Hd Qrs. for your  
 transfer to this Office. I will not hesitate to  
 induce you to indulge much hope that it will be  
 granted, as I know the anxiety of the Command  
 General to retain in the field all the forces  
 now in service, this great objection to removing  
 it by details or transfers for any purpose whatever.

If a favorable answer is returned I will  
 notify you without delay -

Very respectfully  
 Your obedient servt  
 W. C. Wells

Capt. R. A. H.

Quartermaster's office  
Houston August 23, 1864

Major J. H. Thomas  
Chief Quartermaster's Service, Western District of Texas  
Austin

I have the honor to request the release  
of  
Mr. J. D. Giffelt - 44 yrs., 5 ft 10 in. Blue eyes, gray hair,  
Dark complexion, by occupation a  
farmer, native of Alabama,  
enrolled in Washington County.

The services of Mr. Giffelt  
are necessary to the Cotton Bureau for the  
transportation of government cotton.

Please order him to  
report to me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully,  
Your obt. Servant

C. G. Wells

Capt & a gen









Robert Runcen, Dept Home Miss  
Humboldt Aug 28. 1864.

Capt.

I enclose letters from Mr. Thomas about Snaking  
& Stationing. Also letter from One Stonehead as I  
do not understand his purpose in writing it -  
likely from D. H. Strong, as pertaining particularly to  
your Office.

We are getting in the Home & Smoker Cotton  
very slowly, considering facilities - I think Col. W.  
has a prospect of payments now that our agents  
are buying so generally - I think you would  
do well to secure a large lot of Bagging & Ropes  
for Capt. Inshell, if you can. I don't think to  
divide it between the three Depot & the Agencies  
on the Colorado West of it, including the Daguerre  
& Bostwick Agencies - Cotton will come fast  
enough if we can find the Baling material - though  
I don't say we have put our foot in it by promising to  
supply all the Bagging & Ropes the Country needs -

Capt. Shropshire quashed the Richmond meeting -  
It adjourned without doing anything, to meet again next  
month - but it is supposed ~~unsuccessful~~ - C. H. Buckley  
failed. Very respectfully  
C. H. Buckley  
Col. H. H. Goodenough

Western Bureau Dept L H.

Houston Aug 23. 1864

Capt J. C. Ransom A. G. M.

Houston.

Capt -

After preparing the papers regarding the transfer of the Western Paper. they were referred to Mr Ball of Ball Hatchings & Co. from whom the Paper was purchased - He stated that he was unwilling to make any deduction until his partner Mr Hatchings returned, say in two or three days - That his impression was that Mr H. had arranged the matter to the satisfaction of the G. H. (Gallagher, I suppose) but that he would make it all right at all events when Mr H. returned - I will see that you have the proper papers, but as the matter now stands will have to wait on Mr Ball for a few days -

Please tell me where to send Col. H. H. H.'s  
unneeded horse -

Very respectfully

Yours at all

J. C. Helle

Capt R. A. M.



Sanctum office  
 August 24, 1884

Mr. H. Long Esq  
 Martin

Sir

Yours of the 17th inst requesting supply  
 of digging and rope is at hand.

I am sending out  
 of rope. As soon as I can obtain a supply  
 will furnish you as requested.

Very Respectfully  
 Your obt. Servt.

Capt. & Agm

Quartermaster Office  
Hutchinson August 24, 1864

Mr W. Longley apt  
Marlin

Sir: Yours of the 21st inst requesting a supply  
of bagging and rope is at hand.

I am entirely out  
of rope. As soon as I can obtain a supply  
will furnish you as requested.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. S. B.

Capt & agm



✓  
 Cedar Bluffs, Dept. Trans. Miss.  
 Houston, Aug 24. 1864.

✓  
 Col.

I have the honor to request the detail of  
 Private Max Haas, Hernandez and Co. Co.  
 for service in this office -

I understand Haas holds a certificate of  
 disability exempting him from field service.

Please order him to report to me for  
 duty - I am very deficient in labor for  
 my office work, & this detail will assist  
 me very materially.

Very respectfully  
 Your obt. servt

C. C. Wells

✓  
 Col. W. C. Jones.

Chf of Staff &c.

San Antonio, Tex -

Cyph & Agt.

Quartermaster's Office  
 Canton Aug 24. 1864

F. J. Banks Esq

Windsor

Sir

Yours letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. concerning  
 reports are at hand and contents noted. I applied  
 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. for the detail of Mr. Brauning and  
 have not since heard from the application. I will  
 go to day and see personally what has become  
 of it and advise you.

Enclosed find detail for  
 J. F. Brauning

Very Respectfully  
 Yrs. J. F. Scott

Capt & Surgeon



✓  
 Swainmaster's office  
 Haverhill August 20, 1864

John. & John Aug 20th  
 Sweet Home

Sci

✓  
 Yours of the 18th inst is at hand covering  
 report and contents noted. I will today make application  
 for the return of Jesse Knightenall, Geo. T. Stoe,  
 Franklin L. Kelly, Aug. Langlois, Daniel Colfax, H. J. East and  
 A. J. Taylor as requested. Your descriptive rolls are depe-  
 cted in not stating the counties in which the parties  
 are involved. I will in my application allege they were  
 in Saraco County. The county the parties  
 are involved in is the most material part of a depe-  
 cted roll and can not be left out. Please bear this  
 in mind in your future applications. For details, I  
 have no large envelopes and can not purchase  
 any, and am forced to buy all old ones used for  
 office use. Enclosed find a lot of purchase blanks  
 and certificates and B/L as required.

Very Respectfully  
 Geo. T. Stoe

Geo. T. Stoe

Inspection office  
Hanson August 24, 1864

Sup. of Ins.

Sup. of Ins. of Texas  
Sup. of Ins.

I have the honor to request the deposit of

James H. Manning - 37 yrs. 5 ft 3 in. Dark eyes light  
hair, occupation a farmer,  
a native of Georgia. Arrived  
on the 22nd day of August 1864  
in Austin.

The services of Mr. Manning  
are necessary to the Cotton Bureau for the transac-  
tion of government cotton.

Please order him  
to report to me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
Yr. obt. servt  
L. V. Wells  
Capt & Co  
are duty in Cotton Bureau



Quartermaster Office  
Houston August 24, 1862

Major J. C. Thomas

Chief Clerk Service, Western District of Texas

Major

I have the honor to request the details of the  
following named parties.

John S. Kendall - 44 yrs, 5 ft 7 in. Blue eyes, light hair, fair  
complexion, native of Kentucky, Enrolled  
in Laraca County

Genl. J. A. Star -

39 yrs, 5 ft 8 in. Hazel eyes, Black hair,  
Dark complexion, occupation farmer,  
native Alabama, Enrolled in Laraca County

Franklin C. Kelly -

29 yrs, 5 ft 10 in. Gray eyes, Dark hair, fair  
complexion, occupation farmer, native  
Mississippi, Enrolled in Laraca County

Augustus S. Sengler -

40 yrs, 5 ft 10 in. Brown eyes, Brown hair, fair complexion,  
5 ft 10 in high, occupation farmer, native  
Texas, Enrolled in Laraca County

Daniel C. Sengler -

40 yrs 5 ft. Red hair, Gray eyes, fair complexion,  
occupation farmer, native Georgia,  
Enrolled in Laraca County

H. D. Burt -

41 yrs, 6 ft. Blue eyes, Dark hair, fair  
complexion, occupation farmer, native  
North Carolina, Enrolled in Laraca County

Saml. D. Taylor 37 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Gray eyes, dark  
brown hair, fair complexion, occu-  
pation a farmer, native of  
Tennessee, Enrolled in Lancaster.

The services of these parties  
are all necessary to the Cotton Bureau for the  
transportation of government cotton.

Please advise them to  
report to me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
Your obt. Servt

L. G. Will,  
Capt & Surgeon  
and duty in Cotton Bureau



Quartermaster's office  
Hampden August 24, 1864

Mr. W. Farnham Esq Capt  
Salpango

Sir

Your of the 20th inst is at hand. Enclosed find detail of Mr. H. Joiner.

Very Respectfully  
Yr. att. Snt

Capt & a gm

Quartermaster's office  
Hampden August 24, 1864

J. M. Cunningham Esq Capt  
Fort Hallinan

Sir

Enclosed find application for detail of J. F. Atkins, returned, disapproved. See if you can, not find him unopposed conscript or member of the reserve corps who will answer your purpose and I will have him detached.

Very Respectfully  
Yr. att. Snt

Capt & a gm





Genl. B. H. ...  
 Genl. B. H. ...  
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 ...

Genl. B. H. ...

I enclose you a Receipt & Box  
 of Garden Seeds purchased for you by Capt.  
 Thomas ... of the ...  
 please name it at your convenience ...  
 to ... Col. ... all my applications for  
 details are returned from Dept. of Ag. ...  
 ... I send you a printed copy  
 of the ... order, as it seems to be the  
 as knowledge of it can exist of nothing as  
 there would not be such a mistake, referred  
 to detail on any application - One  
 thing is very certain - the Cuban Bureau cannot  
 do anything unless more authorized to do the  
 work - I have applied for a general order  
 covering the agents, employees, and I trust  
 Col. you will use your influence in getting it  
 through - Genl. Rogers does not appreciate the  
 community. I simply refuse to be law - Dis-  
 ... engaged for nothing in the office. If  
 I am to be made responsible for the property collected  
 in my name, I am entitled to such assistance as  
 will enable me to protect myself & the Govt -  
 Wm. C. Williams  
 Secretary to the ...





San Antonio office  
 Houston Aug 24, 1864

J. W. Madison Esq  
 Grand Juror

Sir

Yours of the 17th inst is at hand and  
 contents noted.

Buy what cotton you can and  
 forward to San Antonio. Apply for baggage to the  
 Major to the Texas at 25c. Advice with respect to  
 the difficulties you meet with concerning some  
 lots of cotton in widows hands sent. He will  
 instruct you on all points. Close your  
 business as early as practicable and return.

Very respectfully  
 J. H. S. Evans

Left 20.2m

James Watson Esq Agent  
 Cheltenham  
 Sir

Quartermaster Office ✓  
 Hants Aug 24 1864

✓  
 Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst has been received  
 enclosing my list. Until I am informed as to  
 the quantity of B.R. you have recd. who received from  
 you I can not tell what disposition to make  
 of it. You are so pray Bagshaw and Acheson,

Very Respectfully  
 Yours Oct 8<sup>th</sup>

6 Oct 9 a.m.





Indian Bureau Dept Home Miss  
 Kansas, Aug 24. 1884

Capt E. B. Ketchum

C. S. Spingale Esq. Saline Res.  
 Wash.

I am in receipt of your favor of 19th  
 July addressed to Mr. C. S. Spingale, & highly regret  
 that I am in response to your request for  
 a position in the Bureau at San Antonio.

I regret my inability to assign you to any  
 position at present, as there is no vacancy at  
 any point in the West, or, in fact, anywhere  
 in the State. As I cannot say when a vacancy  
 will occur I will not keep you from making  
 other arrangements, by holding out any hope of  
 an appointment.

Very respectfully

Samuel A. Cook

W. B. Lawrence

W. B. Cook

J. C. C. Wells

Capt Ketchum.



Quartermasters office  
Houston August 24, 1864

Major J. L. Thomas  
Chief Quartermaster, New District Texas  
Major

I have the honor to request discharge of  
R. S. Foley - 40 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Blue eyes. Gray hair,  
light complexion, Native of Mississippi,  
and a member of Captain Higginbotham's  
company. Reserve corps.

The services of Mr. Foley are  
necessary to the Cotton Bureau for the transfer-  
cation of government cotton, and as such  
please order him to  
report to me for assignment to duty

Very Respectfully  
Yours etc J. S. S.

Copies a gen

Quartermaster's Office  
 Jackson August 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

J. H. McBlanchard Esq. Capt  
 Parker Bluff

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing report to date. Mr. Foley can not be admitted until he is enrolled. If a man is not a soldier he can not be without a detail, provided of course he is not liable to military duty. The government has no jurisdiction over a freeman until he has either enlisted or been enrolled, as a conscript.

Respectfully,  
 Yours obt. J. M. J.

Capt & a gen

I have just obtained the detail of Mr. Foley and delivered it to him. I obtained it by assigning him to the Quartermaster's corps of Anderson Co. See he joins the company, and his description must be furnished and what in his detail.



Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 24, 1864

S. A. Miller Esq Agent  
Breast

Sir

Your report for week ending 27th inst  
is at hand Major Rasmussen left here yesterday  
for San Antonio his absence I apprehend prevented  
his answering your communication. I am  
at present out of B & R. will supply your  
needs as I can obtain a fresh supply.

Very Respectfully  
Your obt Servt

Respt & a gnu

Marksmaster Office  
Hanson August 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

John H. Cook  
Victoria

Sir

Yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst covering report  
to date is at hand and contents noted.

Very Respectfully  
Your obt. Servt

Capt & a qu

Marksmaster Office  
Hanson August 24, 1864

J. M. Bailey Esq  
Huntsville

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst covering  
supplemental to your last report, and receipt of  
John Mann and 40¢, more Davis. I will send the  
permitted next mail as requested.

Very Respectfully  
Your obt. Servt

Capt & a qu



Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss,  
Houston, Aug 24. 1864.

J. H. South Esq, Apt.  
Sharon.

Sir. I am in receipt of your favor of 20<sup>th</sup> inst in reference to the settlement with Mr. Heard. I cannot see why you could not, with the lights before you explain the matter to his satisfaction, or at least not allow time to rest under the erroneous opinion he holds with regard to the transaction. Mr. Heard's letter to Mr. Shepard shows that the matter, or the proposals of Mr. Bureau have never been explained to him, and you have allowed yourself to be imposed on by a newspaper paragraph. Or you would not ask the question contained in your letter.

You will recollect that the Bureau proposed to buy Cotton upon one of two plans. The first was to buy the Cotton, pay for it in Confederate Money, and ~~except the~~ <sup>pay</sup> half for the sale of the party. The payment to be made at the Schedule rates, which for Houston County were: Ordinary 8¢ Good Ordinary 10¢, Low Middling 12¢, Middling 14¢ Low Middling 16¢.

The second plan was to buy all the Cotton, - pay for it at Schedule rates, half specie and half Confederate Money. This was the plan Mr. Heard

accepted. When he called there I did not have the money, and as he was not willing to take a draft on Mexico, I proposed to him to change the sale, accept the first place, take Spanish money for half his Cotton, and receive an exemption for his other half. I told him he could sell the half retained by him for a greater sum in specie than I was to pay him, but he could not go through it, and nothing would serve him but the specie. I asked him to wait a few days - got the specie and sent it to him by Mr. Shepherd. As no new money was received by me I gave him my own bills for the amount and he still holds them. No new currency has arrived since yet, but I am prepared to take up my own bills by calling the legal tender for old ones, and paying them in the old currency.

I believe all this is plain - now for the next point. You told Mr. Meade that as his Cotton was held in his own hands & he was entitled to increased prices that you had sold to him that had been paid double prices, leading him to infer that you had been paid double rates, half in specie



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 one thing is clear - I do not say that  
 one thing is so, but he informed it from  
 what you said, & so expressed himself in his  
 letter to Mr. Dwyer - Now you know  
 the circumstances to be true - You had  
 it taken on the road - you wanted it passed,  
 and to receive its exemption, sold me an  
 equal amount - This was clearly a sale  
 under Plan 4<sup>th</sup> - In settlement of it you  
 paid my certified account for \$845<sup>00</sup> in  
new currency, being for the value calculated  
 at 20¢ for Good Ordinary Cotton -

This brings me to the point of double prices.  
 You know the terms to be as stated as follows:  
 if the buyer furnishes Digging & Ropes, only  
 the single Schedule value are paid, whether  
only one half of the Cotton is purchased,  
 and the seller is required to pay for the  
 Digging material at the rate of 6¢ per yard  
 or pound out of the Copper money, paid to  
 him by me - That is to say - if he sells  
 me all the Cotton I pay him in specie  
the full Copper money deduct from the Copper  
money the value of the Digging & Ropes - but give  
 him no exemption - if he sells me only

will be paid, but furnishing Baggage, I pay  
 into the United money. I deduct the value  
 of the Baggage, I give him an exemption  
 for the other way.

If the Merchant furnishes his own Baggage  
 the case is different. Thus - if he sells all  
 his cargo, under the 500 Plan and requires  
 a general payment, he gets no exemption  
 & ~~single~~ double schedule rates, half in specie  
 & 1/2 in United money. - If he sells one half  
 I pay him all United money, estimating  
 the value at double schedule rates ac-  
 cording to classification, I give an exemption  
 for a like quantity.

The rule, therefore, is, that whenever a specie  
 payment is made, no more than the single  
 schedule rates will be paid, whether the  
 Merchant does or does not furnish Baggage  
 & Horse.

If you have told Mr. Hunt  
 that you will find your examination  
 of our instructions that you were not  
 authorized in doing so. - I understand  
 as well as this one is in pursuance  
 of the plan and instructions and no  
 other intention was contemplated, or



has not been made with any one -

The fact of the matter is just this. I do not approve of the Govt. paying specie for Cotton and I regret that my offer of the kind was overruled. But I am willing to try to make one half of the Houston Cotton worth as much to him in specie, by exchanging it, as the whole is worth while unexported. - The 1st Plan does this for him, as he can always dispose of this unexported half in the open market for more money than I offer him under the 2nd Plan, & as much as he can get for the whole without an exception. I offered to arrange this for Mr. Beard, but he would not listen to it, and Mr. Shepherd could not convince him that it was for his interest to do so.

The news of your only make another voice confounded as continuously publishing articles about which they know nothing. The rule I am working under apply equally to all, & if I deviated from them in a single instance I would feel obliged to any agent of someone who might be named after me.

Respectfully,  
C. W. Wells  
Oct 1. 1861.

Custom Bureau, Dept. Adv. Hist.  
 Havana, Sept 25, 1874.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to request the detail of  
 Private George Pomeroy, U.S. Spaight Battalion,  
 under the following circumstances.

The schooner "Ella" now lying at Sabine is  
 ready to take aboard cargo, on board and  
 with the U.S. of Congress negotiating foreign  
 Commerce, that cannot proceed on her  
 voyage unless Pomeroy can be detailed to go  
 on her as Captain.

It is important that  
 every opportunity for introducing supplies into  
 this Department, should be availed of, and as  
 much good may come to the Service by the  
 detail of this man I respectfully ask that  
 it be granted.

This application is made at the request of the  
 owners of the vessel, who promise to bring back  
 such supplies as are needed by Govt., and  
 who find it impossible to obtain the services  
 of any other man, except from service, to command  
 the vessel.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

Co. G. 1st Regt.

Capt. H. G. J.

Col. H. B. Jones.

Chief of Staff et.





San Antonio August 1848

Friend [Name] [Name]

You can send [Name] my [Name] to [Name]  
 of [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name]  
 of [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name]  
 [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name]  
 [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name]  
 [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name]  
 [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name]  
 [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name]

Very respectfully  
 Yours [Name]

[Name]



Quartermaster of the  
Houston Quartermaster

Mr. J. J. Lynch  
Houston

Sir

You can hereafter send my permits, to  
Capt F. J. Lynch at San Antonio, instead of  
Major Willis at San Antonio, who will send  
on it the usual permit to report back. This  
will save parties in your district much time  
and I hope very much facilitate all interested.

Very respectfully  
Yours  
J. J. Lynch

Capt J. J. Lynch

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 24, 1864

Major J. H. Thomas

Chief Quartermaster's Office, West's Dist of Texas  
Austin

I have the honor to request the detail of  
private.

Requiescences below - 4 yrs, black eyes, 4 yrs high,  
occupation farmer, native of Tennessee,  
and a member of 1st Tennessee  
Cavalry Regt. Co. G. 1st Tennessee

The services of private in business  
are necessary to the cotton business for the transportation  
of government cotton.

Please order him to report  
to me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
Yours att. Servt

John A. Brown



*[Illegible signature]*

Walt F. F. Fick

Figure 1

1. Name of the ~~lot~~ lot enclosing certificate  
 W. F. Stegall 9 bales cotton. 4<sup>th</sup> lot enclosing certifi-  
 cate E. J. Sandus 24 bales, of the 5<sup>th</sup> lot returning  
 specimen 4<sup>th</sup> lot enclosing certificate J. M. Callaway 10 B/c  
 6. W. F. Stegall 31 bales, 10<sup>th</sup> lot enclosing certificate

I enclose 23 holes. J.R. Bap 3 holes. B. F. Key 3 holes under paragraph 2<sup>d</sup> and E.R. Wickers 11 holes under paragraph 5. 12<sup>th</sup> mit requesting detail Alex. Cavan name only. Reg. Saunders Holbyport and J. White cuffs Regt. 13<sup>th</sup> mit informing me of Maj. Miller having left you 100 signed permits. and requesting advising agents for Fayette. Lamarca. Nelson & Jackson of the same and 24<sup>th</sup> mit enclosing B/L Sh. Evans 20 holes, and R. M. Goff 3 holes. Done all. been received and contents noted.

I will apply for the  
detail of Gaynor as requested. Samuels and  
Little are both members of companies and can  
not be detailed. An order has been issued from  
Detroit Head Quarters that hereafter no party





Leavenworth Mo

August 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

A. H. Wilson Esq.

Agent L. & L. & Co. St. Louis

Dear Sir.

Your annual forms of the 6. 9. 15 and 20<sup>th</sup> and enclosures have been duly received and have had attention as quickly as possible but owing to the great press of business the papers have been delayed longer than usual.

Enclosed I send you 20 Certified Copies and the Comptroller pertaining to them which please distribute to their respective owners - I have not forwarded the papers for. The Luck. 5 Bales. - I have no space here and can only give him a Draft on Mexico... write me if this will answer his purpose.

In your letter I have received Bales Lading for 182 Bales Cotton shipped by you to Dr. & Co. St. Louis but from your statement I cannot make out what Bales are shipped - I must know from whom the Cotton is purchased to enable me to mark it off my books.

Enclosed I send you a Form as a guide for the information I want when you ship Cotton - Please give me a statement at your earliest convenience of all the Cotton you have shipped since 1<sup>st</sup> July - specifying the parties from whom purchased.

Wm. L. Carter & Co.  
By J. W. Carter & Co.





to turn over the boat to the Government  
of the United States.

(1094) H. A. Broadwell  
Lt Col.

On July 8th, you wrote to Col Broadwell  
concerning the order under which you are  
in taking charge of the boat. I let you  
ask that the boat returning empty to San  
port be placed at your disposal.

Where which the following arrangement  
was made - Respectfully referred to  
Maj R. M. Davis, Depot Officer at Haco who  
is directed to forward to Sanport the  
boat. And at Haco, by any other major,  
returning to that point empty, in accordance  
with the request of Capt Thomas.

(1094) H. A. Broadwell.  
Lt Col.

This, together with Col Broadwell's letter, showing  
the facts, indicate that he recognizes you as the  
proper officer to control the boat belonging  
to Govt. in this Dept. - but, you will permit  
me to remark, Captain, that as the order  
attaching the boat with Capt. Brown on board  
with boat Smith, you should apply to him for  
its revocation, during your application you can  
order from the Gold Boat. Any person from  
either Col Broadwell, Col Hatcher or myself, obeying  
the order of boat Smith, would be an assumption of authority  
unwarranted unless directed by the proper authority.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours, H. A. Broadwell.

✓  
 Antislavery Office  
 London Aug 22 1854

Friend Thomas Ag  
 Foster - America  
 Sir

✓  
 Yours of the 10th inst. is received. I am  
 much interested, from which I understand  
 that the British no longer wish to be  
 from the army for any purpose, and that  
 all services for the same must be from  
 unpaid enlisting and members of the  
 same corps.

Very respectfully  
 Yours etc etc

Leah A. Agnes



Instrumental Office in  
 Bureau of Agriculture  
 U.S. Department of Agriculture

J. H. Hedgerley  
 Chicago, Ill.

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst.  
 and note contents. Found equal with for the  
 copies can be filed away among the records.  
 Your draft for \$200 has been paid.

Very respectfully,  
 Yours etc etc

Wm. H. Wagner





✓  
 Secretaries Office  
 London August 24. 1844

To J. R. Lamb Esq  
 Sandy Hook  
 Sir

✓  
 Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst to Mr. Melhuish is at  
 hand. It is contrary to the rules of this office to  
 issue permits for the exportation of cotton except on  
 the requisition of our forwarding agent.  
 Deliver the cotton to our agent and on receipt  
 of his certificate will be repeated issue the  
 permit requested.

Very respectfully  
 Yours att Servt

Capt & Co

Esther Ransom Sept. Jan. Miss.  
 Garrison, Sept 25/54.

Dear Mr. Garrison

I enclose a letter from Mr. Ransom complaining of Capt. Smith's rule to pay transportation for only 200 miles. I think the Capt. is wrong - if the work is done it should be paid for - I have had some verbal complaints here about his rule -

Also the Ransom papers, containing Col. Pym's orders, referred from West Hill Grove. Also S. H. Walker's letter of 9th inst, as it refers principally to his appointment as Major in G. M. S.

Also a petition from S. H. Walker to be allowed to carry out well. Ordinarily I would refuse the application, on the ground of establishing a bad precedent. Also application of Mrs. H. Walker, for return of negro engaged hauling cotton for Mr. Walker. Supposed in your employ. I do not know the truth.

Also S. H. Walker's letter to Mr. Ransom asking to be allowed to return with his time as they are wanted.

Do not think, Capt. that I am sending you all the papers. I get. I put upon everything I can possibly gather. Only send you such as seem to apply particularly to you, or are beyond my control.

There are with all the papers back after waiting upon them. Mr. Walker writes so much that it is hard to tell what he wants. If you give him all he asks he will have an organization equal to a regiment.



I enclose a copy of Mr. Russell's answer  
to Agents - It seems to me that the only thing  
he can do is to the Western districts, as far as  
of the requirements for Cotton here, and that if the  
Cotton is directed from the point Col. Buchanan's  
creditors will be minus - The Cotton on the Rio  
Grande will do him no good whatever, as far as the  
funders here are concerned -

A very grave point comes up now with regard to  
 payment of Agents - They have been informed that their  
 actual pay would be \$1000 per mo. & that all ~~expenses~~ would  
 be paid - Now it is only fair that they should not be required  
 to spend their own money in traveling expenses, but the trouble  
 with the Regulations is not authorizing such an expenditure. I  
 was under the impression that Col. Matthews had an order from  
 Capt. Hays, ordering him to pay expenses, but I find he has  
 not - Please advise for me an order to cover the expenses  
 or on my as well recall all the Agents at once - I am  
 advised of this for me here that a sufficient order is  
 issued, so I may assume a responsibility, which I  
 could not do in justice to myself & Government.  
 You know the Regulations are very strict & do  
 not allow many expenditures which are very  
 proper & necessary - The expenses of agents  
 engaged in this office should be paid - I hope  
 our business is that office, but unless I can  
 find out in making the payment I will not  
 do it -

Very respectfully  
 Remains  
 G. B. Kelly  
 Capt. Regt.

Jan 22

Cuba Bureau, Dept. Trans. Mex.  
Houston, August 25. 1864.

Three days after sight pay to the order of  
Lieut. Leon Smith, U.S. Army - Twelve hundred  
and thirteen 00/100 dollars, as per order of Lt Col  
H. A. Brownwell, and charge to the official account  
of Lt Col Brownwell - with my advice -

C. E. Kelly

Capt K. A. M.

To W. H. Perkins Esq.

San Antonio, Tex. C.S.

Matamoros, Mexico -

(Copy)

Houston, Aug 25. 1864

Capt Kelly, Agt.

Commodore Smith will present you  
an order from Lieut. Haysman requiring a dis-  
bursement in specie. If you have not the money  
to pay it in full, furnish the Commodore enough  
coin to get to Mexico and draw on W. H. Perkins  
for the balance.

Very respectfully

Yours etc

H. A. Brownwell

Official

C. E. Kelly

Capt K. A. M.



John R. Ransom, Esq.,  
 Hamilton Aug 25 1864

I certify that Hurdell and Vandy have  
 loaded their vessel on "Store of Texas" with  
 Cotton, as provided by the Regulations  
 for Foreign Commerce. One half of said  
 cargo being on their own account, and the  
 other half is exempted under the rules of this  
 Bureau.

C. V. Wells  
 Capt U.S.A.

By order of the  
 United States, Dept. of War,  
 Houston, Aug 12 1864

Letting them Driscoll and Vandy have  
 loaded their vessel to "Texas" with  
 Cotton, as provided by the Regulations  
 for Foreign Commerce - One half of said  
 cargo being on their own account, and the  
 other half exempted under the rules of this  
 Bureau -

C. C. Wells

Capt R. G. B.





Catharine Breen Sept June 1861  
Haverhill! Aug 20. 1861.  
C.C. Smith by Jt  
Liberty

I have your photo of 20 then years  
 ago.

The whole being to stay back old days -  
 keep that until further notice - I hope  
 me of Saturdays' time the best received  
 from the - I am sure the way is  
 on in that if you are under pressure to  
 have to do the better with respect to  
 your own very condition the whole of the  
 for it - Do not fail to send the  
 my love -

Can you buy the map one well  
forward. Wagon Road also for the  
state that we had arranged  
for but that it has been promised. It  
we must offer the same thing it will.

Longmont

from the

4. 2. 2. 2.

1952



Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 21st 1864

Mr. E. W. Garrison  
Bragonia  
Alabama

Yours of the 12th inst. to Mr. James Daley  
has been referred to this office. The Cotton Bureau  
was established by orders from Genl. E. Kirby Smith  
for the purpose of acquiring cotton, with which  
to obtain such military supplies as could  
only be obtained from abroad. The orders  
require the sale of half of the cotton on this  
side of the Mississippi on the terms of this office,  
under penalty of imprisonment should the owner  
refuse to sell. The terms are the same ~~everywhere~~ and  
no difference can be made in favor of anyone.  
Judge Thos. J. Mockerson who resides at Bragonia  
is the agent of this office. ~~Now~~ You cannot and  
will not take pleasure in giving you any  
information as to details you may wish. This  
office can not exempt any one's cotton, it has no  
power to do so. It can only acquire cotton on  
its published terms and exempt one half of a crop from  
imprisonment with power to export it, on the other  
half being sold the government. <sup>all rights to</sup> Questions

any reason for any reason must be addressed  
 to, Genl. G. L. Smith at Slocumport. I am  
 very much interested in the possession during the absence  
 of the owner by the enemy & apprehending and captured  
 the property of the owner of your house, and  
 your home rest. But I have not the power  
 to afford you any relief.

Very Respectfully  
 Your obedient  
 servant

Capt. J. A. M.



✓  
 Dear Mr. [unclear] [unclear]  
 Boston Sept 25. 1872

✓  
 Capt. J. D. [unclear]  
 [unclear]

Capt.

✓  
 I have your piece of [unclear] just  
 received, & have been a long time in the  
 road -

As requested I enclose you the [unclear]  
 original certificate of [unclear] for  
 L. L. [unclear]. It says, stay by the [unclear]  
 [unclear] - just [unclear] in  
 the [unclear] [unclear], and as [unclear]  
 has [unclear] all the [unclear].

Very respectfully  
 Yours ever  
 L. L. [unclear]  
 Capt. [unclear]

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

Col. J. D. Sawry  
Gonzales  
Texas.

Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst enclosing A/R 23 holes  
signed by J. D. Sawry, and requesting detail of W. M.  
Philips has been recd. It appears that Mr. Philips  
is a soldier and the order to this office is per-  
emptory that no more men will be detailed from  
the army, and I know from experience it is worse  
than useless to make the application.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. Svt.  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Quar  
Master



✓  
Quartermasters Office  
Houston August 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

James Barker Esq  
Henderville

Sir

✓  
Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst enclosing letter from  
Mr Harrison has been recd. I have written  
Mr Harrison as requested.

Very Respectfully  
your obt. Servt.  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt  
Treasurer

Quartermasters Office

Houston August 26, 1864

On the 20th day of August 1864, application was made by Thos. F. McKinney Special Agent Cotton Bureau Trans. Miss Dept. to Genl. E. Kirby Smith for an order commanding Enrolling Officers not to molest Steamers in violation of General orders of 10th July 1864, and to have those taken away by enrolling officers returned to him.

An answer to this application was received by telegraph dated Shreveport Aug 15, 1864 in the following words.

"Telegram has been sent Genl. Greer. Direct enrolling officers not to interfere with Steamers of Government Cotton trains under Capt. McKinney until time has been allowed to have the men properly detailed. Applications for the details should be made at once

(Signed)

H. R. Dagg

Brig Genl & Chief of Staff

Done Aug 26/64  
Official Copy  
A. J. Walker  
Capt. or Col.



Quarterly Office

Quarterly Office

Mr. H. H. H.

Dear Sir

I have enclosed herewith a list of accounts and examples for the following Quarter.

To B. B. B. 25. B. B.

To C. C. C. 15. C. C.

To D. D. D. 5. D. D.

To E. E. E. 1. E. E.

I have also enclosed a list of names for the same Quarter.

One of the names is of 478. 00

Another is of 409. 23

And by the sale of 8 B. B. 478. 00

And by the sale of 8 B. B. 478. 00

It is all correct except that you do not inform me of the names who the Lib 8 and 7 are. I have sent you at your earliest convenience so that I may have the Bales off my own Book.

My name has accumulated so fast that I cannot keep up - and have to delay sending papers off.

Yours Truly  
H. R. H.  
C. C. C.

Chas. J. ...  
 ... Aug 23 1854

... 125 ...  
 ...

|     |     |     |                 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|
| ... | 100 | ... | Value<br>\$175. |
| ... | 28  | ... |                 |
| ... | 17  | ... |                 |

... at ...

...

Chas. J. ...  
 By Aug 23 1854



I beg to inform  
 that the sum of £100  
 has been duly  
 received and is forwarded to Mr. [unclear]

The sum of £100 is being  
 paid to the [unclear] for the [unclear]  
 and is forwarded to Mr. [unclear]

Respectfully,  
 [unclear]  
 [unclear]  
 [unclear]

3d. [unclear] 10/10  
 20th [unclear] 195-111

✓  
Quartermaster Office  
Horton August 24, 1864

J. F. L. Smith Esq  
Rockville, Maryland

Sir

✓  
Yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. to Col. Woodworth is at  
hand. Your party can not be detailed until the proper  
sufficient transportation for so large a party.  
If you have the required quantity and can obtain  
an application for your services from one of the  
purchasing agents of the Cotton Bureau, your  
detail can be obtained.

Very respectfully  
Yours  
L. J. Wells  
Capt. &c. &c.  
and by the same means



Superintendent of Prison  
Houston August 24 1864

J. E. Merdian Esq  
Huling, Robertson County

Sir

Yours of the 20th inst to Mr. R. Perry has  
been received. I forwarded to Mr. J. W. Cunningham  
saying that I could not apply for the detail of  
Mr. Williams and not having been furnished with  
descriptive rolls of the parties, since which I have not  
heard from him. I also informed him that orders  
had been received, stating that hereafter no details  
would be granted but from the record or from  
the order, but it has since been practically nullified  
and I can still have unassigned men as in the detail  
but no detail can be obtained of a member of a company  
or assigned convict. If Mr. Williams had been  
unassigned convict or member of the record wife  
I could have been furnished with their descriptive  
rolls apply for their detail, and when obtained, order  
them to report for duty to Mr. Cunningham.

Very respectfully  
Yours truly  
G. J. Wells  
Highwayman

San Antonio office  
 Houston August 26, 1864

Thos. F. McKinney Esq  
 Special Agent  
 Austin

Sir

Yours of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst enclosing L.H. of Jones  
 Adams, & Hickok and requesting detail of several  
 parties have been received. Will apply for the  
 detail of those parties whose descriptions like you  
 furnished. In regard to those heretofore detailed  
 for State military board, and the old detail  
 and I will send a new detail based on and  
attached to the old one. The different mailing  
 officers it seems cannot understand general orders &  
<sup>myself</sup> it has some paper attached to it showing that the  
 detail was placed on by their office, it will not be  
 repeated, and to ease your future trouble if a letter is sent  
 could you in return send the old detail.

Very respectfully  
 your obt. Servt  
 C. G. Wells  
 Capt & Agt



Quartermaster Office  
Houston August 26. 1864

Major Thomas  
Chief Conscript Service. 1st District of Texas  
Major

I have the honor to request the detail of the following  
named parties.

W. J. Banks - 18 yrs. 5 ft 10 in. Blue eyes. Auburn hair. Dark  
complexion. Native Mississippi. Enrolled at  
Franklin County Sept 3<sup>d</sup> 1863

John C. Baker - 35 yrs. 5 ft 9 in. Hazel eyes. Light hair. Light  
complexion. Native Alabama. Enrolled  
in Franklin County Jan 3. 1863

The services of conscript Banks  
and Baker are necessary to the Cotton Bureau for the  
transportation of government cotton.

Please order them to report  
at once for assignment to duty

Very respectfully  
Your obt Servt  
W. G. Wells  
Capt & a gm  
on duty in attendance

Quartermaster's Office  
Havana August 24/1894

Mr. Brewster, Legat  
Havana

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 23rd inst.  
concerning this report and note contents.

There is no change in the  
prices of the Bureau as you would have been  
notified. He can not be held responsible  
for the unadvised remarks of any newspaper  
editor or correspondent. The price of your paper  
is in the News was canceled with the next  
reading issue of that paper. The price of  
wholesale as cotton do not require ~~double~~  
they require double the schedule when in  
the Bureau new issue and not the old one  
your enemies. These parties call you half  
price cotton, and it is absurd. You can  
 furnish B & R for the whole world, it is paid  
for out of the half sold the government

I have no large envelopes  
I can obtain none in the  
market. I am forced to purchase  
and use for future use.

L. G. W.

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c  
L. G. Wells  
Capt. A. J. W.



San Francisco  
 1st August 1846

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th inst  
 regarding arrival of James H. Hays, 1st and 2nd  
 companies Light Artillery to report to you in  
 your list. Capt. Hays' company is stationed  
 in Louisiana and the regulations prevent the  
 receipt of a party out of the district in  
 which it is stationed to be detailed. Before long  
 we shall hear renewed that no more details will  
 be made from the army. I am well aware of the  
 importance to you of having service, and if this  
 command was stationed in Texas I would in  
 consideration of the necessity to you for this  
 service attempt to have him detailed in the face  
 of orders. But his company being located in Louisiana  
 cannot preclude all hope. But if you cannot  
 find an unassigned man with as many years  
 of the reserve corps who will answer your  
 purpose, and if so I will have him detailed

Very respectfully  
 Yours  
 G. H. Davis

✓  
 Headquarters Office

Hughes & Hughes

Q. R. Bell Esq  
 Boston

Sir

✓  
 I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst.  
 if you can obtain or require for your service  
 from one of the purchasing agents of the  
 Cotton Bureau you may be detailed. I have  
 no use for candidates here and cannot  
 attend to the wants of our agents. If you are  
 a member of any company your detail  
 can not be had. I request you on this  
 subject giving your information of the  
 manner to apply here for a detail.

Very respectfully  
 your friend  
 J. M. Wells  
 Capt & Agent



Lauchlin Currier  
 New York August 26. 1884

J. S. Underhill  
 Havana

Sir

Yours of the 20th inst. enclosing Office

- 43 Books returned from Melanaham
- 44 " " " " F. B. Bailey
- 24 " " " " F. B. Bailey has been a
- received

Very Respectfully

Wm. L. Wells

Capt & Agent

Very Respectfully

Wm. L. Wells

Very Respectfully

Wm. L. Wells

Very Respectfully

Wm. L. Wells

Swatara Creek office  
 London August 28, 1899

Mr. A. L. Bell  
 Hempstead

Sir

Yours of the 17th inst. enclosing certificate  
 for Green seat is at hand. The money  
 has been forwarded you for immediate  
 expenditure.

Very Respectfully  
 Yours A. L. Bell  
 A. L. Bell  
 Capt. & Agent



Quartermaster's office  
Hanson Aug 26, 1864

J. H. Vetter Esq. agt.  
Hanson

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 25th inst  
covering \$50 Bales cotton and note enclosed;

Very Respectfully  
Yr obt Servt  
L. G. Wells  
Capt & a gnr

Quartermaster's office  
Hanson Aug 26, 1864

F. J. Cook Esq. agt.  
Hanson

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 25th  
inst and note enclosed. The money has  
been forwarded to Mr. A. S. Hall as per  
his request of the 19th inst.

Very Respectfully  
Yr obt Servt  
L. G. Wells  
Capt & a gnr

✓  
Hartman's office  
Hudson August 24th

A. J. Focke Esq agent  
Wharfen

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th  
and note contents. I will purchase the  
copy of Mr. Belcher's of pamphlet. The  
originals of specimens sent S. A. Mendenhall  
as they have been sent you

Very respectfully  
Yours etc  
S. A. Mendenhall  
Capt & Co

Yours truly  
S. A. Mendenhall

Yours truly  
S. A. Mendenhall

Yours truly  
S. A. Mendenhall



Enclosed for  
 the Hon. Secy of War

Wm. B. T. B. B.  
 1864

1864

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th  
 and have forwarded it to the Hon. Secy of War  
 for his consideration. I am, Sir, very  
 respectfully,  
 Yours, Wm. B. T. B. B.

Very respectfully  
 Wm. B. T. B. B.

Wm. B. T. B. B.  
 Wm. B. T. B. B.

Wm. B. T. B. B.  
 Wm. B. T. B. B.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. and have forwarded it to the Hon. Secy of War for his consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours, Wm. B. T. B. B.

Wm. B. T. B. B.

Quartermaster Office  
Haverton Aug 27, 1864  
Haverton Aug 27, 1864

W. N. Johnson Esq Agent  
Richmond

Sir

Enclosed please find application for  
the detail of H. J. Smith returned disappointed.  
The endorsement on it will inform you to how  
many different offices it has been refused, and  
give you an idea of the various applications  
for a detail frequently taken. Orders from  
Subdivisions are passed on that no more details  
will be made from the army for any purpose.  
I think the orders are right, we can obtain  
all the transportation we need without lessening  
the effective force of the army.

Respectfully  
to G. Wells  
Capt & Quar  
M



La Machine Office

London August 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

Mr. M. O'Brien  
London

Dear Sir  
Enclosed I send 13/4 loading 18 Blanton  
as follows. No. 13 3/4 shipped by J. B. McKinney  
my Agent at London - Please forward  
Specifications & weights of the above as  
done as the same is received.

Respectfully, Yours &c

J. B. Hall

London & A.M.

By my Agent

Dr Master Office

Boston Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

Thos J Mc Kenney Esq  
Agent Austin

Sir

Your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst received  
inclosing B Lading 18 B. L. shipped  
to H M Perkins Londo. - B. L. has been  
forwarded.

Respectfully Yours truly  
C. Wells

Chas & 2m

By Perry C. C. C.



To Master Office  
Hampden Aug 29 1864

Wm M Dalton  
Savannah.

Sir The original Draft  
of which the within is a  
copy was given to David  
John Smith Esq. & was  
was lost by him in. He has  
shown me for the  
purpose of stopping  
payment of said Draft  
no matter by whom  
presented.

Wm M Dalton  
Savannah

Master Office  
Hampden Aug 29 1864

F. J. Cook, agent  
Hampden

Sir

Yours of the 24th inst answering my enquiries  
about the John A. Smith cotton is at hand and  
contents noted.

Very respectfully  
Yr old Servant  
S. J. Wells  
Capt & agent  
id

Quartermaster office  
 Fort Monroe, Va. Dec. 29, 1864

any receipt of yours of the cotton in relation to the cotton of which you will purchase it on the terms of this order. Do not purchase however but half of the cotton under paragraph 3. I have no money on hand and cannot pay cash except by draft. and I apprehend Mr. Fagan does not wish to draft on Mr. Perkins. The half of the cotton which will bring more in the market than offered at the price in specie. When you find cotton in the possession of any party and it is immediately held by your men require that party to sell and dispose of it on the terms of this order. If the party requests it you will of course give him a reasonable time to conform with the order. And if the sale is refused you will then report the circumstances with all surrounding facts to the regular impressing officer of your District for his action. He will have to act in a legal phrase in in rem on the cotton found. It is impossible for us to settle questions of ownership as to cotton, or chase the title all over the country.



Quartermaster Office  
Hannston Aug 29, 1864.

Colt & Owens  
Richmond

Sir

Yours of the 27th inst has been received.  
I am entirely out of bagging and rope, not having  
a yard or a pound left. I have made an appeal  
of your requests and will supply what is needed.  
I have taken out of the first lot received.

Very respectfully  
Yours etc J. L. Wells  
Capt & Agent

Quartermaster Office  
Hartford Aug 29, 1864

Capt J. E. Owens  
Richmond

Sir

✓  
Yours of the 27th inst has been received.  
I am entirely out of bagging and rope, not having  
a yard or a pound left. I have made a minute  
of your requests and will supply W<sup>th</sup> mason and  
J<sup>r</sup>. Jackson out of the first lot received.

Very respectfully  
your obt Servt  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt



Quartermaster of the  
Houston August 29/64

St. W. Collins Esq  
Richmond

Sir

Yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst is at hand and contents noted. The Cotton Bureau in which I am employed, was established for a definite purpose and is bound by definite rules. It can only acquire cotton on its published terms and can only exempt where it has purchased half of the crop. It has no discretion. All propositions to exempt cotton and <sup>grant</sup> permits must be made to Genl. E. Kirby Smith. Enclosed I return the certificate of the burning of your cotton by order of Genls. Deane and Keidman.

Very respectfully  
your obt Servt  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt.

Quarantine Office  
Houston August 28, 1864

E. A. Bailey Esq  
Houston

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst  
concerning report for next evening 20th inst.

Your answer to Major Smith  
is correct. you will ship all cotton to this  
point. I cannot obtain cotton enough to  
supply promptly the wants of blockade runners.  
I believe most of the agents are like yourself  
and have more satisfaction that they have  
immediate sale for. I have seen Genl. Keadin  
about the Hibernia cotton and he reports that  
the auction is all right, but that your  
certificate has never been received and  
until it arrives the certificate of exemption &  
permit cannot issue. I apprehend Mr. Wilkerson  
has the certificate safely lodged in his pocket  
book. Genl. Keadin reports he has written you  
about the matter. The bill loading eight bales cotton  
shipped to W. A. B. is now on duty to hand

Very respectfully  
Yours etc  
J. A. Smith



Quartermaster's Office ✓  
 Houston Aug 27, 1864

W. H. Jones Esq Agt  
 Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst ✓  
 and note contents. I have written Mr. Collins in  
 reference to his proposition to cancel his  
 claim against the government for cotton  
 burnt in Arkansas & if this office would  
 grant him an exemption and permit of exportation  
 of sufficient cotton to meet the wants of  
~~himself~~ his family. This office is indi-  
 cated for the purpose of acquiring cotton  
 for a specific purpose, and can only acquire  
 cotton on its published orders, and grant permits  
 of exportations only where it has acquired  
 a like quantity under the rules established.  
It has no discretion. All propositions not on  
 the terms of this office must be made to Genl  
 Smith. You will please mention this however  
 to all parties who have propositions to make not  
 in conformity to our published rules. It is well  
 to refer such parties to this office.

Very respectfully  
 W. H. Smith  
 Quartermaster

Quartermaster's office  
Houston Aug 29, 1864

F. H. Bailey Esq agt  
Huntsville

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th inst enclosing  
B/L 5 bales cotton shipped to Mr. Redder being part  
of the lot of 12 bales refected at Portraits Ferry.  
together with an ap of charges on the same.  
I ship all cotton to this point. I have more  
demand for cotton than I can supply. Blockade  
runners are arriving daily bringing in under  
contract army supplies. It is much more impor-  
tant to keep this point supplied promptly than  
all other in the state put together. Supplies  
received through the blockade do not cost one  
half of that obtained from Mexico, and it will  
not do to have to steam ship lying here indefin-  
itely for want of return freight.

Very respectfully  
your obt Servt  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & agt



San Antonio office  
 Houston Aug 29, 1904

J. L. Dutton by apt  
 Hancock

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst enclosing  
 8/6 8/6 & M 1 8/6 ap of F. B. Bailey, also  
 3 8/6 8/6 from L. S. Moorey also 7 8/6 &  
 1 8/6 from H. J. May -

Very respectfully  
 Yr obt servant  
 C. J. Wells  
 Capt & Agt

Quartermaster Office ✓

Hagston Aug 29. 1864

Major [unclear]

[unclear]

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst inquiring  
 a certificate application for detail of L. B. Collins.  
 I will not confuse him with J. B. Collins. The  
 application for the detail was duly forwarded to  
 the [unclear] and has not yet been returned to this  
 office. In order has been received that no more  
 details will be made from the army under any  
 pretense and I apprehend it was under this order  
 that an application for detail was thrown out,  
 it is useless to attempt to get any details now from  
 the army for I know from experience it is useless  
 to attempt it. If Mr Collins had not here joined  
 a company, or can obtain his certificate as a  
 disabled soldier I could and can obtain his  
 detail but with the facts as now before me  
 it is more than useless to proceed any further in  
 the matter.

Respectfully yours  
 your old Sat  
 C. G. Wells  
 Capt & Co.



Quartermaster's Office  
Hanson August 29, 1864

J. L. Stone Esq  
Fairfield

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst concerning  
report and note concerning

I have made a minute of  
your wants as to bagging and rope and will supply  
you as early as possible. We have a large supply  
of bagging and rope purchased and on the way.  
but it will be some little while before an adequate  
supply can be obtained. It's a large job to supply  
all the trans ship left with the B.R. required

When you purchase cotton  
you can supply B.R. for the whole crop unbaled  
because about 1/2 will be  
to be demanded from the half sold the govern-  
ment.

Very Respectfully  
Yours att Servt  
C. L. Wells  
Capt & am

313.  
Com Bureau Dep. Sec. Mex

1852. 92

August 30. 1864

Three days after sight pay to the order of Lieut  
Hon Smith to pay — One Hundred and Fifty  
Two 9/100 Dollars as per order of Lt Col H A Broadwell  
and charge to the official account of Lt Col Broadwell  
with or without advice

To Hon M Perkins Esq

Genl Comandante Agt U.S.

Matamoros Mexico

Eastern No 291

(Copy)

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Captain Wells A.S.M.

Commodore Smith will present you an  
order for Genl Magruder requiring a disbursement in  
Specie — If you have not the money to pay it in  
full furnish the Commodore enough to get to  
Mexico and draw on Wells Perkins for the balance

Very respectfully

John A. Broadwell

Signed H A Broadwell

Official









Quartermaster Office  
Hampden Aug 24 1862

L. Hartman Esq  
15 1/2 Days Regt  
Vetern

Sir I enclose this an official copy of the order  
directing you to report at Fort. and my order  
for you to report to L. S. receiving at Harris  
Blair's Quincentennial. You will at once take the  
order to your commanding officer, and after  
obtaining leave, you will report to me on your  
way to the morning.

Very respectfully  
your obt servant  
L. H. Wells  
Capt Regt

✓

Quartermaster's Office  
Hanson August 20, 1864

Wm. J. McKinney  
Quincy

Sir

Enclosed find details for John Warner and S. J. Banks. The other details will get through the conscript office in the course of time. The details have all been granted but the proper papers have not been made out. I have sent for them repeatedly, and have now no use of their being made out so-much, but McKinney who was here yesterday left as near as possible details of J. H. Caldwell, Jonathan Adams, J. Washington & F. Wash. The applications for Caldwell and Washington have been refused of which I advised you. of Adams & Wash I know nothing never having heard from them before. If they are members of a company I can not obtain the details. If conscripts or obtaining the ~~details~~ descriptive rolls I will make the required application.

Very respectfully  
Wm. J. Wells  
Capt & Surgeon



✓

Quartermaster Office  
Houston Aug 20. 1864

S. A. Miller Esq. agt.  
Brockitt

Sir, Yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst enclosing report  
for accounting 27<sup>th</sup> inst. is at hand and  
contents noted. Keep a memorandum of all  
your expenses so it can be paid you at the proper  
time.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt Servt  
L. G. Wells

Quartermaster Office  
Houston August 24 1864

Captain F. J. Lynch  
Gonzales

Sir

Enclosed please find detail for Alex  
Cowan obtained at your request.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt Servt

L. G. Wells

Capt & Co







Quartermaster's Office  
Houston, August 20, 1864

Major L. L. Roubree  
Huntsville

Sir,

Enclosed please find as requested a special  
order No. 209, commanding you to impress 300 B/G and  
100 H. B. Beavers, 10 sales belonging to Mr. Stubbfield, 10  
sales belonging to Mr. White, and — belonging to F. B.  
Henderson.

Very respectfully  
your obt Servt  
C. F. Wells  
Capt & Agt

Letter Bureau, Dept Trans Miss  
Houston, August 30. 1864.

Capt J. L. Smithell  
San Antonio.

Capt.

Enclosed find Capt. J. L. Smithell (\$200.00)  
I am indebted to thirty one \$100 dollars being  
for an amount advanced by Capt. J. L. Smithell, in  
payment of the specie part of the value of  
the Dallas Cotton purchased by him in San-  
-galee County -

Capt. J. L. Smithell's Receipt for this amount will  
be a good voucher to your account - and  
its payment will be a great accommodation  
to Capt. J. L. Smithell, I will be regarded as a  
great favor by myself, as I have been  
disappointed in not receiving the money at  
the time I had promised it should be  
paid.

Very respectfully  
Yours truly  
J. L. Smithell  
Capt. J. L. Smithell.  
J. L. Smithell.



Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss.  
Houston, Aug. 20. 1864.

Dear Sir,

I have yours of 20th from Douglas, together with  
Mr. Douglas's letter in regard to smuggling Cotton over  
the Rio Grande. Having business in California (now  
about Oct. 1st) I am but slightly personally about  
the matter and am confident I will fix it just as  
soon as he arrives on the Rio Grande. He is very  
warmly interested in the entire success of the Bureau, &  
much surprised that his previous efforts to grow the  
frontier had been so ill rewarded by the officers  
there.

Any arrangement you make in regard to the issuing  
of receipts, will of course be very satisfactory to our  
Parties in the West. I have much reason to complain of the  
length of time it takes to get this certificates to them.  
but under the present organization I do not see how it can  
be avoided. Under a system of checks & counter checks  
rather simple (all connected to be necessary) much time  
is consumed & much trouble consumed as a matter of  
course. We are very busy. I think there is no  
doubt but we will get a full crop of the Cotton, but  
the enormous amount of being material operates against  
the rapid handling of the Cotton. It is now coming

in in small lots and the management work in  
preparing the papers & regulations & trying to  
obtain favor to the extent that work is still  
behind - I am afraid the matter of actual  
is going to prove very embarrassing - unless we  
can have all our work out over the state - and  
will save for about of doing the same thing  
Smith says so.

Myth says has forwarded the copy of  
to Carl & Johnnie - not today.

Myth says - except on the part of the  
and 'the night' - and another report that  
and are interesting & many interesting  
both from the district - The  
District must come to me once the  
information on the list of the this man  
more of the Central RR -

Myth says  
goes out only  
to the  
and says so.

W. L. Broadwell  
S. J. Lytton



News Record

San Francisco August 21st 1864

Received from Lieut. Lewis Smith Secretary in charge  
of the Marine Department, the following amount of  
Bounty, which had been used for Gun Boat purposes  
and was in consequence badly damaged during the  
war and had only turned over to the Board of Officers  
of the following statement shows the amount of  
Bounty that is available to the Port and to be  
accounted for by the Board of Officers  
302 Marine Department San Francisco 1864 1865  
100 Marine Department San Francisco 1864 1865  
for Gun Boat purposes.

W. H. Hall Captain U.S.N.  
By W. H. Hall Captain U.S.N.

W. H. Hall

Smith

Deposited with the office.

Franklin Co. Oct 31. 1866

— 1214 —

[illegible]

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c. J. A. B.

Left & a year



✓  
Quartermaster Office

Trinidad August 26/1864

John S. and J. S. S. S.  
Trinidad

✓  
Yours of the 24th inst. is at hand. I have forwarded  
your detail to J. Russell Agent of this office &  
order such instructions to employ you in the  
service of the Government, and if at all  
in order you to report to Major T. S. S. S.

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c

Capt. S. S. S.

San Antonio, Texas  
Houston August 31, 1864

Wm. J. Henderson Esq

Proctor

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 25th inst. and  
the contents. S. H. Fisher is an agent of the  
Proctor, and I am further informed you are  
satisfied that cotton is departing from Proctor's  
Bay, contrary to regulations. I am sorry to  
report facts, but I am sure the parties who  
did so pay dear for their mistake.

Very respectfully  
yours etc. S. H. Fisher

Wm. J. Henderson



✓

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 31st 1844

Wm. L. Garrison Esq. Agent

LaGrange

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th inst. and  
note contents. All <sup>by the way</sup> ~~particulars~~ <sup>particulars</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~received~~ <sup>received</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~here~~ <sup>here</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~few~~ <sup>few</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~forwarded~~ <sup>forwarded</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup>.

Very respectfully  
Yours at St. Louis

Leaft. Wagon





Quartermaster's Office

Houston August 31, 1864

John D. Grice Lt.  
Chapell Hill

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst. Your detail incomplete as it stands. Mr. Baker should have brought it back to this office for completion. Enclosed find the proper paper to complete the detail and ordering you to report to F. Hook our agent at Newstead. You will paste this to the paper you gave from Maj. Thomas, Chief Conscription Service and send yourself to Mr. Cook at once. You will by return mail forward to this office a copy of your descriptive roll contained in your detail so we can make the required return for your protection. Mr. Cook writes he purchased from you a lot of cotton and for some reason you wished to avoid the contract. This will not do, the contract must be adhered to. I have written Mr. Cook to allow no deviation from the contract. But so see that it is carried out in an equitable manner will ensure.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servt

C. A. M.

Quartermaster's office  
Hawtson August 31. 1864

Wm. H. Cook Esq agt  
Hypstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst and contents. I have ordered Mr. J. D. Grisett to report you for duty, and informed him that he must abide by the contract made with you for the sale of cotton. Mr. Grisett is therefore subject to your orders, and you will obtain the cotton from him according to contract.

Very Respectfully  
your obt. Servt

Capt & a gm

I will send you up paper and envelopes by the next train.



Quartermaster's Office  
Houston August 31 1864

Shaws Esq  
Moscow

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst and  
its contents. You will at once get down the  
balance of the cotton, and turn over to Col. J. B.  
Coburn the bagging and rope and report to me promptly  
your action. In the mean time I will see what  
I can do for you in detail as requested.

Very respectfully  
your old friend

Leffle Owen

Quartermaster's Office  
Hanson Aug 24. 1860

John H. Cook Esq. agt.  
Victoria

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th 20th & 21st  
and note contents. I have forwarded as requested  
all payments due on all certificates received  
from you. Sent as soon as practicable to the office  
the proper vouchers for the BTR received from Garrison.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt

Wm. H. Adams



Quartermaster Office 335  
Harrison August 28, 1861

Capt. J. E. Owens agt  
Richmond.

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst enclosing  
report and note enclosed.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt Servt

Capt & agt

Mr. W. John Reg agt  
Richmond

Sir

Enclosed find Vogel's certificate of exchange  
for 10 bales cotton which please hand him, I  
have paid him the sum due him on the cotton.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt Servt

Capt & agt

John James Esq. James Hill  
 Boston, Sept 20th 1854

Major J. C. Sumner

Off to Southwick Dist. Aug 1,

Major

I have the honor to request the detail

of a suitable

you

high

you

hair

complexion

notice of

competition

arranged

in Harris County

for the transportation of Great Cotton

Please order him to report to me

for assignment to duty

Very respectfully

Yours etc

W. C. Hall

Sept 20th 1854

W. C. Hall



John James Esq. New York  
 December, 1854.

Nothing else of importance. I have by the way  
 is loaded with letters received from the  
 friends of the cause, in payment of the  
 subscription, and also to the  
 friends of the cause of the  
 States.

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Wm. L. G. V. H.  
 Esq. New York.  
 Dec. 1854.

*Syntherisma affinis*  
Quincy Aug 28 1906

1. *Agave*  
 2. *Agave*  
 3. *Agave*

The Board of Trustees finds an affidavit of  
 a clerk of the Court of Sessions regarding your  
 compliance with the order of an order  
 of the Court of Sessions concerning your conduct  
 which will appear in the records of the Court  
 and its order is forwarded by mail.

Very truly,  
Your obedient

Capitolo 1



San Antonio Aug 16 1847

My dear Bureau

San Antonio, Texas

Col.

I am in receipt of your letter in relation to State plant matters. The enclosed report and note contain the permit will be issued in accordance with your instructions. The difficulty in the matter is that parties do not present the proper documents and authorities to obtain them. In fact, Mr. Kinney also, he has sent agents to the land around the waggon, certificates and a list of half purchase and sold half of an which he would expect to get permits here from my office. The documents would probably carry them to the Rio Grande where their return might be desired. But for Genl. Maguire's order to arrest all parties, west of San Antonio, from going in possession without my permits. If Genl. Kinney will at its start give parties certificates for this half of the cotton, and make the affidavit of escape, it will be concerning government cotton and for report, the matter can be easily managed.

I am Col.

Very Respectfully,

Wm. H. Smith

A. M. Smith

By Capt. James A. Smith

(Signed)

Wm. H. Smith

Capt. James A. Smith

Enclosed for the Office

Houston August 21st 1864

On the 15th day of August 1864, application was made by John F. McKinney, Special Agent Cotton Bureau Texas, to Genl. E. Kirby Smith for an order commanding enrolling officers not to molest teamsters in violation of general orders of the 10th July 1864 and to have those taken away by enrolling officers returned to him.

An answer to this application was received by telegraph dated Shreveport Aug 18, 1864 in the following words:

"Telegram has been sent Genl. Green. Direct enrolling officers not to interfere with teamsters of government cotton trains under Genl. McKinney until time has been ordered to have the men properly detailed. Application for the details should be made at once."

(Signed) W. R. Boggs

Brig Genl. & Chief of Staff

Official  
W. G. Wells  
Capt. H. H. H.



Quartermaster's Office

Hanover, August 28, 1864

Maj. W. B. Dalgren

Gonzales

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst and note contents. No agent has been instructed to forward his certificate to Capt F. J. Lynch for the issuance of Maj Willie's permit, and all who have done so have acted without authority, and on their own responsibility. There was <sup>an</sup> interval some time back when exemptions laid over for two or three days after receipt of certificates, and it was then absolutely unavoidable. And only lasted for four days. Exemptions are now issued immediately on receipt of the certificates of the purchasing agents, and invariably forwarded in due course of mail.

Capt Twitchell has been ordered to furnish the agents in your section of the country with bagging and rope with all the rapidity practicable.

Those only who have to acquire it can only imagine the difficulty in obtaining it.

Col. Hutchins is the party who is charged with purchasing bagging and rope for the caissons supplied from this place, and I know he has used every exertion to obtain paper out of it.

*[The handwriting in this block is extremely faint and illegible.]*

From the  
very beginning

Wm. H. P. Adams

I have been given the order for Delaware  
River put in the Delaware Company & Legislation to  
 send him up by Delaware train. He there is  
 going out of it he is legislation to manage the  
 whole thing -

Received of  
Wm. L. G. G. G.



I will not say that the mill is not profitable, but it is not profitable in the way it is run. I have filled it with coal, and it is not profitable in the way it is run. I have filled it with coal, and it is not profitable in the way it is run. I have filled it with coal, and it is not profitable in the way it is run.

When you find the machinery of the mill working well, you may say it does not the fault does not lay with this office, but is with some other branch of the machine, or is unavoidable. So far as I have the ability I supply every demand.

Very respectfully  
 your obt. Servt

I have a great deal of business to do, and I am not able to do it all. I have a great deal of business to do, and I am not able to do it all. I have a great deal of business to do, and I am not able to do it all.

Laban Bureau, Dept. Texas Vis.  
Houston, Aug 22nd.

Private B. Salter, Co. 1st Regt.  
Heretofore detailed with Capt. A. S. Lapham at  
Galveston, and now transferred to this  
Bureau, will report here for duty at once.  
La B. Wells  
Capt. Lapham.  
Acty. Chf.

Capt. A. S. Lapham,  
Please find in the blanks - Company & Regiment, &  
send him up by Hardys train. The Bureau is  
being put up & he is required to manage the  
whole affair.

Sincerely,  
La B. Wells



Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Aug 31 1864

Mr. P. Baughin  
Gonzales

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th & 29th insts  
and note contents. I will at once apply for the  
detail of Mr. Pridgen and when obtained forward  
it to you. I have already written Mr. Perkins to  
forward him to Lists No. 2, 3 & 4 and others, but  
will be required to do so again.

Very Respectfully  
Wm. A. Grant

Capt & a com

Enclosed find detail for Mr. Pridgen. It is not  
required in this case to obtain a new detail from the  
Conscription Service

Quartermaster Office  
 Houston August 21<sup>st</sup> 1860

Mr. Perkins Esq  
 Laredo

Sir

Please purchase with as little delay as possible and ship to J. H. Harris, Sweet Home Laredo Co, J. M. Coap, Victoria, and F. J. Lynch Gonzales, supply of bagging and rope. There is not an agent in the State but what is in want of bagging and rope, and we are nearly at a stand still for the want of those articles.

Very Respectfully  
 Your obt. Servt

Capt & agt



Insurrection office  
Houston Aug 28 1864

Col. J. C. Ransom again  
San Antonio

I have been informed that there is at Durham,  
one in charge of J. M. Jones, 500 yds bagging and  
ropes. This office is very much in need of both and  
you are at liberty to do so I would like you to turn it  
over to me on my speaking to you the proper receipt.

Very Respectfully  
J. A. Scott

Houston Aug 28 1864.  
Col. J. C. Ransom  
San Antonio  
Dear Sir.

I return you the application for  
Pomeroy - refused as you will see by the  
endorsement - Having to go to Galveston  
myself I took it with me, but failed to get  
the detail.

You had better select some man now  
already in the service - they will not  
detail an enlisted man for this purpose.

Yours truly  
C. C. Kelly.

San Antonio office  
Houston Aug 22 1864

Ben Stone Esq Agent  
Brenham

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 25th inst and  
note contents. I have written to the proper party about  
acquiring the the bagging and rope belonging to  
Maj Hart. The app favor of Mr. Blodell is being made  
out. You can purchase the bagging you require as for  
sale at the rate of 70¢ per yard, payable in unpaid  
cotton. The schedule rates of cotton have been  
advanced three cents per pound. You will have  
this in mind.

Very Respectfully  
Yours att Servt

Capt & Agri



Quartermaster's office  
 Quantico August 26, 1864

F. J. Mitchell Esq  
 Marshal

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst addressed  
 to Col. Broadwell. I forwarded the papers you refer to  
 in the 2<sup>d</sup> inst addressed to you at Rush as requested.  
 I also answered your last letter from Marshal  
 informing you where the papers had been sent.  
 This is the third letter I have written about these  
 papers

Very respectfully  
 your obt. Servt

Left & again

Quartermaster's Office  
 Washington Aug 31. 1864

Major H. T. ...

Chief Commissary Service, Western District of Texas  
 Austin

I have the honor to request the detail of

Wm. T. ... aged 35. Gray eyes, dark hair, fair  
 complexion, occupation a merchant,  
 native of Massachusetts. Enrolled in  
 Union Army.

The services of Wm. T. ... are  
 required by the Cotton Bureau for the transportation  
 of Government cotton, and he has the regular certificate  
 of disability that he is physically incompetent for  
 active duty.

Please order him to report  
 and for assignment to duty

Very respectfully  
 Your obt. Servant

C. C. ...

Capt & Co.



Col. J. B. Brown, Dept. of the Interior,  
 Washington, D. C.  
 J. B. Brown, Dept. of the Interior.

This year letter is given to Mr. J. Salomick, of the  
firm of Salomick & Smith of Baltan, who is  
desirous of turning over to Govt. one half the  
Cotton raised by himself or the firm, on the  
terms of this Office -

You will therefore contract with him or them  
for the delivery within a short as time as possible,  
receiving from him all the Bales Cotton in  
your vicinity at once, & giving him Receipts  
for the same - Another seed Cotton make the  
usual contracts, and deliver him the proper  
quantity of Bagging & Rope required, on the  
terms indicated in your instructions.

Mr. Salmonick assures me that this Cotton is  
genuine property, and was not purchased from  
the South, as has been reported to this Office,  
while he was an agent for Major E. Barker, &c.  
Mr. Salmonick is prepared to prove the facts to  
your satisfaction, and you will deal with  
him accordingly. - Very respectfully,  
J. D. Smith



William Amos Esq. New York  
 New York, Aug 25th 1842

My dear Sir,

I received

your letter of the 20th inst. relating to the  
 matter of the bounty. I have now offered suggestions  
 relating to the same.

I would not object to a exemption based upon  
 a clear statement from the person to whom the bounty  
 is offered. Quantity and quality of the property and  
 classification of the property, intended for use,  
 and of the persons to whom. Judiciously the bounty  
 might be granted if the State must be determined  
 upon an exemption can be given. as the paper must  
 provide the State. I think it would be important  
 to allow it. As it is identical with the  
 cases in the U. S. and this is what Major  
 Wallis means by my exemption. I have  
 not satisfied to him I must have a very clear  
 statement of the State I should have to the person  
 to whom.

My friend will not be able to give his  
 share for me. I am glad to observe  
 the French difficulties & how being caused



at San Antonio, & will be adapted in order to  
export the remainder of Cotton by forwarding  
the permits immediately upon receiving them  
Cotton -

Mr. S. H. Fisher the Depot Agent at El Paso  
is authorized to inspect vessels leaving the port  
and instructed to call upon the military to  
stop them unless they are supplied with Major  
Hillis' permit or an exemption from the  
Office -

The Dugging & Sale of Cotton has been put upon  
form - The Comptroller there has been directed by  
H. H. A. not to let it go out of his possession until  
it is paid for by Govt. - As the A. H. is to be  
used exclusively in Matagorda County in favor  
your benefit, and as I expect a good deal  
is part out of the Matagorda Cotton, I would  
advise you to suggest that you with greatly facilitate  
your matters if you will remove the charges  
and order its delivery to be taken to  
Columbia for distribution in Matagorda.

Judge May has decided that the cotton is  
pledged to the European Bondholders, & must be  
diverted to other uses - that is, given to the Govt.

Very respectfully,  
C. S. Fisher

Enclosed herewith are  
the enclosed 22 1000

22 1000  
22 1000

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th & 13th inst  
and the contents. All the receipts due on your  
are now forwarded. Col. Perkins is about getting  
up a survey to ascertain the damage to the  
of the 10. Mr. Dickinson reports he has taken the  
action at Pinckney and Montgomery plantation.  
Enclosed find list of the receipts.

Very respectfully  
yours all best

Capt & Agt



Mastermaster of the  
Huntington & Co

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and  
in reply to inform you that the parties deliver to you cotton  
under the contract of the trusty you will treat it  
as a loan in the State of Maryland. The difference  
between the two and East of the trusty will  
be paid in the transportation. There is no objection  
to your taking other bales of cotton into two of your  
stock but you must have the affidavit  
of the master of the ship showing such was the  
amount of damaged cotton  
it is the only way you can keep  
track will forward your letter to  
concerned the request to have your demand  
filled for many years.

Very respectfully  
Yours of 20

Wm. H. Hunt

Quartermasters Office  
Harrison Aug 26 1864

Wm. Thomas  
Lieut. Colonel's Service, Western Dist of Texas

I have the honor to request the release

W. S. Reese 36 yrs. 5 ft 8 in Blue eyes Auburn  
hair. Enrolled in Colorado County  
Wm. McMillan 25 yrs. 5 ft 10 in Black eyes Black  
hair. Enrolled in Colorado County

The services of these porters are  
important to the Cotton Bureau for the transportation  
of government cotton.

Please order them to  
report to me for assignment to duty.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt Servt

Capt & agm



Quartermasters office 356  
Harrison Aug 31, 1864 ✓

L. S. Vedder Esq  
Harrison  
Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th inst  
concerning bill lading 10 Bb from AB Early and  
3 sales from E Demerak,

Very respectfully  
Yr obt Servt

Capt & 9 gm

Quartermasters office  
Harrison August 31, 1864

L. S. Fonda Esq agt  
Harrison

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th inst.  
I will at once apply for the detail of H. D. Reese  
and A. M. McMillan as requested and when obtained  
will forward to you the papers at Columbus as requested  
Hereafter make your descriptive rolls fuller

Very respectfully  
Yr obt Servt

Loat 40. a m.

Col. Andrew Dept. Am. Mail  
 Houston, Aug 20. 1862.

W. A. Davis Esq. Of  
 Eldersburg, Md.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 16th inst  
 in reference to Herman's and Co. Cotton.  
 On the faith of your letter and Mr. D. D. Davis  
 promise to send to the packing and repairs.  
 I have issued to Mr. D. D. Davis an exemption  
 for 100 bales, to protect that amount of  
 cotton now on the road. and promised  
 him one exemption for the remainder of the  
 crop as soon as I receive your receipt.  
 You will therefore please receive the 1st  
 of cotton, and send me your receipt, upon  
 which I will make the settlement with them  
 at some time, under the 100 bales, state  
 amount in your receipt. I forward the cotton  
 to Liberty by Mr. Davis's express. I will  
 make the proper deductions from your  
 account for repairs.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

W. A. Davis

Aug 20. 1862.



Quartermaster's office

Houston August 30, 1864

S. A. McKale Esq

Bellville - Austin Tex

Sir

Yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst is at hand. Addressed  
to Col. Rushner. I have all the transportation here  
under. If you can obtain the request of one of the  
proceeding agents of this office for your service  
your detail may be obtained. F. H. Cook at Memphis  
is an agent for your country

Very Respectfully  
Your obt Servt

Leaft Ragun

Cotton Bureau, Sept 24th,

Houston, Texas

Mr. R. H. Jones

Gu. W. Walker & Co. Houston, Texas

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 22nd inst. & feel pleased, enclosing Bill of Lading & Rate purchased of Mr. Langdon, which is appended. You will of course pay for this with Cotton from your Receipts at the same schedule prices. Excepted being 26¢ being an advance of 8¢ per lb on all grades over old prices.

It will be necessary for him to receipt against our voucher form 12 - also to certify to our cash sales - form 14. 1st. Attached to. & enclose a voucher for the Cotton you pay him. Both in duplicate.

I have made arrangements to pay you \$100,000 for 1st quality of Cotton at the same schedule prices, which I trust it will be convenient to pay. It will be forwarded you by Mr. Langdon.

Sincerely,

E. W. Walker  
Capt. K. H. Walker



Carter Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss  
Houston, Aug 30. 1864.

Dear Sir -

I have nothing from you since you left  
Gauguin -

I send you Sept. 1st letter, 24th Aug. the  
boat had arrived at a late hour - I will send it to  
the Perkins by first good opportunity with orders  
to forward to Col. Weber. I send also Col  
Weber's letter 22nd Aug. which I have replied to  
ending a circulation of which I enclose a copy.  
It is absolutely necessary to create a fund in honor  
of the Alaskan Indians will always keep us in debt.  
I cannot have got what the 'Lancet' & 'Daily' &  
being a last one in Germany, but there is Paris.  
Exp. Plan, Purchase letter book - all needed -  
I believe the 'Daily' has failed.

I send you this letter from the Weber - all  
attended to in part. I approve the purchase of  
Laying Bluffs - 50¢ per sq ft. payable at once  
before it goes. Let Capt. Goodrich to send  
the necessary documents.

Being shortly - a party being given at  
Lancet meeting & paying out other contributions  
as they are needed - (Ingratitude)  
Edw. W. Huntington.

Circular.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. & Com.  
Houston, Augt 31. 1864.

All vessels arriving at Galveston or other Texas Ports after September 15. 1864, will be required to take on Government account at least one fourth their outward cargo.

If the sale of the inward cargo produces a full outward cargo of cotton, the vessel will be required to furnish one fourth her storage room as above. If it produces only enough Cotton to make half the outward cargo, the remaining half storage room will be claimed for the use of the Government.

This Regulation is adopted for the reason that the law hitherto and now in force, by which a vessel is allowed to depart with a full cargo on ship's account, provided the same is paid to her by the Government, prevents the deposit of cotton abroad for Govt use, and defeats the objects contemplated by the Act of Congress regulating Foreign Commerce.

It will apply equally to Steamships and Sailing vessels.

C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agent  
at Galveston



Cotton Bureau Rept. Trans. Miss. ✓

Houston, Sept 1. 1864.

Capt. H. E. Lubitz, City & Co. Gt. B.

Houston.

Capt -

There seems to be some difficulty about allowing me the use of the Govt. wagons here to haul ~~large~~ Cotton from the Depot to the Press - Drays cannot be used for the purpose, and unless I can have the wagons occasionally large quantities of the Govt Cotton arriving in this condition will be lost. I now have a half car load at the A.O.R. R Depot, which should be removed at once, & I respectfully request an order from you for the wagons to move it with - Also a general order giving me the use of the wagons in all similar cases - The use will always be very temporary -

I make this request to you, as I am told at Major Pendleton's Office that they have been ordered by the City & Co. to haul no more Cotton - I am sure that no such order would have been issued under a full appreciation of the circumstances -

Very respectfully,  
 C. E. Wells  
 City & Co.

Quartermaster Office  
Harrison Sept 8. 1862

Isaac Lloyd  
Wheelock

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th inst concerning detail of H. L. Smith. It appears from the accompanying affidavit of Mr. Smith and certificate of St. Russell that Mr. Smith is no longer a soldier, and has never been enrolled as a conscript. If this is the case I have no authority to order a private citizen in the service of the government as teamster or in any other capacity. If he is not connected with the army there is no necessity for a detail, but he can haul cotton for the government or any other party he sees fit, and who wishes to employ him. However if Mr. Smith wishes to haul cotton under a government detail, and be in the possession of a detailed soldier, he must first have himself enrolled as a conscript and send me a copy of his descriptive roll, together with a request for his services from some agent of this office, when I will apply for his details. If he can at the time have himself exempted by the proper authorities from field duty it will be much better and save him trouble hereafter, but it is not material for the purpose of a present detail.

Respectfully, J. H. Smith

Sept 10 1862



Mastermace office  
Sept 23 1864  
Houston Aug 23 1864

Wm. H. E. E. E. E. E.  
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and note  
contents. I will supply you with 6 bales as soon as prac-  
ticable. at present I have none on hand. I do not see  
that you can find anything different from any other  
party who refuses to sell. I am now has turned over  
one of bales cotton. being I presume the lot and others  
you refer to.

Very Respectfully  
Yours etc. J. S. S.

Sept 23 1864

San Antonio office  
Houston August 30 1864

F. B. Bailey Esq  
San Antonio  
Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> inst and  
note contents. I am not yet in receipt of funds with  
which to pay specie drafts. I have plenty of drafts  
on Mexico yet for specie but it will be an indefinite  
time to realize on them

Very Respectfully  
yr obt. Serv

Capt & Agm



Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Sept 2 1864

Major J. C. Thomas  
Chief Conscript Service Western District of Texas  
Major

I have the honor to request the detail of  
conscript

\* Christian Thedie aged yrs yrs hair  
complexion, occupation  
a seaman, native of Denmark,  
and enrolled in Harris County

The services of Mr. Thedie are important  
to the Cotton Bureau for the transportation of government  
cotton.

Please order him to report to me  
for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully  
Yr obt Servt

Capt & a gnr

\* Battermill John

Memorandum

Cotton Bureau Sec. 5, 1891, 1892  
Houston Aug 24, 1891

Dear Sir,

To ensure uniformity and to enable me to keep my records correctly, it is important that the following instructions be observed in every particular.

When you buy cotton in the seed make the usual contract, and enter the transaction on your weekly report. Do not give any certificate of receipts in this case.

When you buy baled cotton, or when the cotton purchased in the seed is ready for delivery, you will issue your certificate of receipt, showing the classification and weight. Place the weight of each classification in its appropriate place. Thus, if you receive 50 Bales, of which are 20 Bales of each classification, state separately the weight of the Ordinary, Good Ordinary, Low Middling, Middling and Good Middling. Send also a statement, attached to your certificate, showing the separate weights of each bale of each classification. First, state the ordinary bales by themselves, the good ordinary by themselves & so on, adding the columns to make it tally with your certificate.

Keep an account of the cotton by lots in the names of the parties from whom it was purchased.



When you ship cotton either to San Antonio or to the Rail Road, take four bills of lading, give one to the wagon or train master, send one to the consignee - keep one - and send one to this office, on the one sent to me state clearly the classification, weight and what lot and from whom purchased or received.

When you deliver cotton on orders from this office send me a receipt signed by the party you deliver to, stating classification, weight & what lot and from whom purchased or received.

To guard against the miscarriage of receipts send me monthly, on the last day of the month, a statement of all lots of cotton received and receipted for by you, giving classification, weight, also all deliveries and shipments, to whom, where, by whom, name, classification, weight and what lots.

Until these directions are carried out, I cannot conduct the business of the office with satisfaction to myself or justice to the government.

What we require of your receipts and deliveries since you moved upon your duties to the end of August.

Executive Office  
Houston Sept 2 1864

My dear Vance & Son  
San Antonio

Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst addressed to Capt.  
H. H. H. has been referred to this office. I have no infor-  
mation of the subject on which you write. I have spoken  
with Mr. H. H. H. concerning the matter, and he reports  
he is not without information, and that no letter  
enclosing a permit from you on which there was  
a balance of 30 dollars in your favor has ever come to  
hand.

Very Respectfully  
Yours old servt

Wm. H. H.



Letter James Dept. Commerce.  
 Boston. Sept 2. 1854

I hereby certify that the "American Bazaar" kept  
 J. Reigan, is taken with entire exemption  
 under the rules of this Bureau. - Just during  
 here paid a duty of \$1000 for Amey's plates  
 introduced and sold by them but the balance  
 and the remaining being exempt in consideration  
 of an equal quantity of leather being sold to  
 the Government. - say -

Price to them

250 Dols 75. 50 p. 1000

Exemption for them

25 Dols 25 p. 1000

Total 275 Dols 1000 p. 1000

Bank of N. Y. & C. 1000  
 Cash 1000  
 L. C. Wells  
 Cash 1000  
 City, N. Y.

Between London and Paris this  
 London Sept 1. 1844.

Finally at the London 'Belle' Sept. 1. 1844  
 having arrived in London on the 1. 1844  
 with letters received from the Bureau. in  
 regard to the 'Belle' Sept. 1. 1844  
 and also in the 'Belle' Sept. 1. 1844  
 the first use of the 'Belle' Sept. 1. 1844.

Sept 1. 1844, paying 10.000 pounds.

La Belle

Sept 1. 1844  
 Aug. 1. 1844

James D. Bell

Sept. 1. 1844

Aug. 1. 1844

Sept. 1. 1844



✓  
Custom Bureau, Dept. of Finance  
Houston, Sept. 2, 1864.

✓  
Mr. S. H. Kellum,

U.S. Custom. Agt. Havana.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your  
favor of 28<sup>th</sup> inst. to Gen. Broadwell, enclosing a  
copy of your letter to Maj. Gen. Hagerman dated  
23<sup>rd</sup> inst. These have been forwarded to Gen.  
Broadwell who is absent, in San Antonio. He will  
not return for some weeks.

Appreciating the necessity for placing Custom in  
your hands in order to keep up the supply of  
Govt. Stores, and afford this Office an opportunity  
of reducing its indebtedness to Blockade runners  
by hereafter creating liabilities only for freight &  
not for the Stores themselves, I have prepared  
the enclosed circular and send it to you for  
use if you see proper to do so. I find that  
nothing can now be done towards shipping any  
portion of Govt. Stores on the Steamers now  
here as they are fully aware of the decision of  
Secretary Menningan in the case of the "Hudon"  
on the question arising as to whether or not  
"Hudon" when she got a full cargo outward in

payment of the Cotton Bonds brought in by her. In analogy Mr Hemminger decided that a ship could carry out a full cargo on her own account in all cases where the whole amount had been paid to her by Govt in consideration of supplies advanced by her. Pursuing the point it has been conceded that the surplus of Cotton thus paid to a ship, over & above her capacity to carry away could be taken out by another vessel sent in for that purpose, and in either case the Govt could have no claim for storage room so long as any Cotton received from Govt remained to be taken away. It is plain that we

are thus at the mercy of a few blockade runners for payments of Cotton to them. For a time we generally only 16 to 25 the quantity of supplies you would be able to forward if the Cotton could be sent direct to you. No change can be made now without notice to the interested parties. I have concluded to name 15th Sept as the date from which the change shall be made. - As you know the managers of the ship coming here I would suggest that you place certified copies in their hands, but make no public announcement. The chance, however, you will be quite a big gain over



approximation of the policy of doing either or both - &  
 owing to the risk of shipping by small Schooners  
 I have only done so in two cases - in June last  
 sent 100 boxes sent to Tampico by the Steamer Haigwood  
 to Lake Chapala for re-shipment to you - The latter  
 arrived there very badly damaged, & I should judge  
 100 and the responsibility of selling it there. I wrote  
 Genl. Dr. Aug 4<sup>th</sup> that it brought 32¢ which they  
 included in my Arch L 50.00 & I would remit  
 amount to you by next packet, Aug 30<sup>th</sup> -

As you wish I shipped for Genl. Kelly & Tampico  
 50 boxes in re-shipment to you - and instructed  
 Genl. J. Taylor to manage it to the  
 best advantage. In case he made a profit from  
 which re-shipment was impossible, to sell the  
 boxes I want you the proceeds together with 90  
 sales 10¢. As he intends visiting Havana he  
 will probably convey the Arch. to you himself -

In addition to above I should like to see cases  
 allowed parties to whom this Office was indebted  
 to load their own cotton in full. Taking Bill  
 of Lading for one half in name of the Govt.  
 paying the other themselves and have then  
 re-converted them to cotton by endorsing the  
 Bill of Lading, in consideration of this allowing

me the full home value of the Cotton as a  
 credit upon our indebtedness and thus main-  
 taining to themselves the exclusive property in  
 the cargo. When a good and safe vessel  
 offers I will ship the Cotton on a side in  
 Government a cot. but when I feel that the  
 risk is undue I prefer making the parties take  
 the risk with their own Cotton & require them  
 to pay for the privilege. I would be glad  
 to have your views on this point. In con-  
 sidering it please to recollect that our Cotton  
 resources are not ample by any means &  
 that we have to make many shifts to render  
 everything available for the purposes of supply.

I refuse the storage rooms the parties  
 can load their own fuel cargo, give Board,  
 and pay the Gov. nominal.

In addition to the \$75.00 per day advanced  
 by Gov. Providence I have sent \$20.00 to  
 which I will send to Mr. H. H. Perkins at  
 Hatteras by first safe chance with in-  
 structions to forward all or part to you. I  
 do not know precisely how much he will  
 require there.

Very respectfully

Your obedient

W. D. Wells

Capt & Co.

Cong. C.



William Brewster Sept 1. 1874.

London, Sept 1. 1864.

Hessene House & Garden,

Orange.

*John*

I am in receipt of your favor of 25th Inst.  
 Alike contents. I am etc. at the Clothing Bureau

Whole contents. I am told at the Clothing Bureau

that ~~the~~ pair there were put in the Box - I accepted of you  
that number, it will be necessary to have your affidavit  
in duplicate that the Box did not contain the number.

When the shoes come back I will try to have them

exchanged - The Power of Medicines must over to

Capt. Kee about 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug. - I'd suppose you are

in Receipt of them - If any one should you must

send me your duplicate affidavits as to the matter

of the matter - I have received for the amount

of the matter - I have accordingly forwarded  
as herewith enclosed - the case of Division

as per memo. enclosed - If I have you call  
this afternoon will advise them.

I have just extracted for O.C.R. from Carl Pratt

I have rec<sup>d</sup>. altogether for 17.000.000 from the  
 well the following Cotton - since then -

well - the following Catalogue - I will send -  
including 1000 Bibles for poor house - Catalogue

*You Refusing 2208 Sales by Paul Lane Carter*

the fish part which comes down some

This includes the first Route which came down from

Time before yours - *Benjamin Franklin*  
*L. B. Wells*

The Cotton which you report as  
 being water a few miles from Houston.

C. C. Mills  
 Bartlett.

did there only a few days - it arrived a little out -



Lebanon Bureau, Dept Lane Office  
Houston, Sept 1. 1864.

James S. Lane Esq  
Anderson,

Sir,

✓  
I am in receipt of your favor of 28<sup>th</sup> Aug  
note contents - If you are really distressed  
and will send down your claim to me I will  
borrow the money to pay it with - It seems  
hard to convince people that the Gov. has no specie  
though common sense should tell them that such is the  
case - I sent to Monterey for money to meet these  
claims, like in July, and am daily expecting a  
return - Of course I am liable to be disappointed,  
for that reason have never promised to make specie  
payments here I have instructed the Agents to keep  
altogether under the 8<sup>th</sup> Paragraph, that is, keep  
only half a crop, pay for it in bonded money &  
except the other half, so that the owner could  
sell it for specie to any outside party -

Your neighbors who have endeavored to persuade  
you it was a bad debt, make a poor show of their  
patriotism,

Very respectfully  
Yours truly  
C. C. Wells  
Capt. Kapt.



Captain Bowers Dept Home Affairs  
 Montreal, Sept 1. 1854

J. S. Clarke Esq Capt  
 Newmarket

Sir -

I enclose your contract made with  
 W. H. Pomeroy of Chappell Hill for 500  
 B/C. - please take this as your own  
 contract and send the duplicate contract  
 in your next report - The Baggy  
 Rape will be sent from here -

Mr Pomeroy's reports about 500  
 Bales in his neighborhood - Please  
 go or send there and try to control  
 as much of it as possible.

Very respectfully

Your obt servt

C. G. Wells

Capt Baggy

Aug. 25th.

Letter Bureau Dept Lane Mass  
 Newton. Sept 8. 1864.  
 W. H. Perkins Esq  
 Genl. Cammell Apt C. S.  
 Matamoras.

Sir -

On Aug 29th I addressed you stopping  
 payment of draft a \$400 for Lane Smith  
 under the impression that it had been lost.

Smith afterwards found it & recommended it -

Under later instructions I have drawn on  
 you, in lieu of the above draft, viz:

Aug 30 '64 - I paye \$1152.90 for Lane Smith  
 which please pay and  
 presentation, if convenient to do so, without  
 waiting for the third days to expire,  
 or enable him to collect the money  
 through some friend of Lane Smith  
 who has confidence enough to advance  
 it -

Very respectfully  
 Your obt servt  
 C. G. Wells  
 Capt 7th Regt. N.Y.



Quartermaster's office  
Houston Sept 8 1864

Gen James E. Magrath  
Memphis

Sir

Enclosed find receipts of 1000 of  
S. G. Bonds for \$1000<sup>00</sup> and hundred small \$100  
bills and receipts for 1000 dollars

thus ① 5000

2500 pounds

② 1

500

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4003

Very respectfully  
yours

Chas. Wells

Quartermaster

P.S. Enclosed find also receipt for 1000 of  
weighing 1573 lbs for W. A. Montgomery and cash  
of for \$477<sup>50</sup> Four hundred & seventy seven  
dollars

Chas. Wells

Quakermaster Geo.  
Houston Sept 8 1844.

Set of age  
Baldwin

Wii

Enclosed find enclosed of four hundred dollars  
for; 200 and one from W. Andrews for \$500. and another  
four of hundred for G. Bolles for 2075 lbs and inform  
W. Andrews & Bolles for 1922 lbs

very respectfully

Yours etc

W. H. H.

Before a gun



Quartermaster's Office  
Hannston <sup>Sept</sup> 2 1864

F. B. Bailey agt  
Huntsville

Sir:

Enclosed find certified copy for Mr. H. Keane  
for \$49.12 and exemption for 12 Bales 620 lbs also  
certified copy of 60 Bales 3277.5 pounds and certified copy of 250 lbs  
for Mr. A. Thompson

Very Respectfully  
Yours Servt  
C. J. Wells  
Capt & A. M.

Quartermaster's Office  
Hannston <sup>Sept</sup> 2 1864

J. L. Baldwin Esq agt  
Albany

Sir

Enclosed please find certified copy for  
L. Cleveland for Seven hundred and fifty  
three <sup>plus</sup> dollars \$753.45

Mailed bill and exemption  
Sept 2, 1864

|   |         |            |
|---|---------|------------|
| Ⓢ | 3 Bales | 1564       |
| Ⓢ | 4 "     | 2120       |
|   |         | <hr/> 3684 |
|   | 7 "     |            |

Very Respectfully  
Yours Servt

C. J. Wells  
Capt & A. M.

Catharine Bureau Dept Trans Office  
Haustru Sept 2 1864

Leab.

I have your favor of 28<sup>th</sup> Sept & make  
comments - I think the changes you have  
made will be productive of good & go far to  
make the machine more effective -

I send you Maj. Rogers letter indicating a change  
in the Regulations - You will find the present  
Regulations will operate in spite of all we can  
do unless Genl Smith makes them practically  
obnoxious to his order &c -

I will send an extract of instructions  
to Dept Ad Gen so far as this office is concerned.  
Please return the papers to me when you  
have done with them -

Genl E. A. Gray has reported for duty  
under orders from Genl Smith - Where  
will you place him?

You will want good men with Maj  
Rogers & Capt Lynch on the Rio Grande - men  
who know how to keep the papers straight  
so if you cannot provide them -

We have a perfect avalanche of work  
here - Will the Edmunds money come?  
Very respectfully  
Edmunds  
San Antonio -



Quartermaster's office

Houston Sept 2, 1864

Capt. J. J. Lynch

Coryville

Enclosed are certified checks as follows

|                        |                     |        |         |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|---------|
| Sam. S. McKenney       | audited Aug 9, 1864 | for \$ | 713.36  |
| " J. McKenney          | " " " "             | "      | 297.18  |
| " W. A. Smith          | " " " "             | "      | 1023.31 |
| " W. A. Brown          | " " " "             | "      | 125.68  |
| " A. Davidson          | " " " "             | "      | 257.28  |
| " J. E. Glenn          | " " " "             | "      | 308.80  |
| " W. M. S. Littlefield | " " " "             | "      | 3908.01 |
| " John W. Van          | " " " "             | "      | 1018.32 |
| " W. S. Smith          | " " " "             | "      | 1487.69 |
| " J. E. Ray            | " " " "             | "      | 360.10  |
| " W. S. Stigall        | " " " "             | "      | 481.84  |
| " J. E. Fly            | " " " "             | "      | 879.63  |
| " W. S. Stigall        | " " " "             | "      | 2089.26 |
| " A. E. McKenney       | " " " "             | "      | 644.79  |
| " O. E. Kinard         | " " " "             | "      | 130.48  |
| " J. E. Fly            | " " " "             | "      | 389.12  |
| " A. Davidson          | " " " "             | "      | 3116.48 |

Being all the same on hand for you

Very respectfully  
C. S. Wells  
Capt. & Co.

✓ Letter from Dept. of Agriculture  
 Washington, Sept 2. 1894.  
 Capt. H. B. Andrews. Agent.  
 Haverhill.

Sir -

I have a car load of Long Cotton -  
 No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, which I am anxious  
 to move but cannot get Teams to do it with.  
 If you can allow me the use of your Teams  
 for a few hours you will place me under  
 many obligations - Please give Mr  
 Hoar the necessary order -

Very respectfully  
 Yours truly

C. C. Wells  
 Capt. Regt.  
 1st Regt.





Insurrection office ✓  
 San Antonio Sept 2nd 1864

John A. Galt  
 Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st inst. and in reply  
 I return the certified copy of J. L. Pool - it is as set.  
 in your bill look at the amt charged for S. & R. you will see  
 I have charged him for more bagging than was needed  
 to him. It is now done to cover the expenditure for bagging yet,  
 in vouchers of this kind we can not charge for labor  
 and so save making out separate expense accounts and  
 avoid as much red-tape as possible. I have presented this  
 order for \$2500 and I have promised to meet it out of  
 bagging purchased now on the Suemas. I have  
 purchased all the PVN in the market. but it  
 will not relieve the pressure.

Very Respectfully  
 Yours O. H. S.

Capt J. A. Galt



Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Sept 2. 1864

Capt J. E. Owens  
Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult. and note contents. The orders from H. Q. are prompting that no more men will be detailed from the army for any purpose. If Mr. Spaulding will not sell on the terms of the Bureau you will have to treat him like any other recalcitrant party.

Very Respectfully  
Yr. obt. Servt

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Sept 2. 1864

O. A. Davis Esq  
Cold Springs

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst and note contents. When the cotton is in the seed you can furnish bagging and rope for the whole crop, the price to be deducted from the half sold the government.

Very Respectfully  
Yr. obt. Servt  
L. G. Wells

Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Sept 2, 1864

J. H. Cunningham Esq Agent  
Paul Southern

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 25th ult. and  
am glad to hear that you are and receive full and proper consideration  
for all cotton delivered to Mr. Edwards under his order.  
In the very early case you can cancel the sale made  
with him and make a new contract under paragraph 2 of  
the order and carry out the contract and it is not equitable  
to hold him to it. I am not provided with specie funds  
to pay for under par 2, and it is almost if not quite impossi-  
ble to obtain it in sufficient quantities to supply demands,  
so not make any more contracts payable in  
specie unless the parties are willing to receive  
drafts on Mr. W. M. Perkins, payable on the Rio  
Grande. The cotton purchased by Mr. Kearns is  
held by the old organization, and is subject to the  
order of Col. H. H. H. H.

Mr. Kearns did not make  
any contract with me, but with Col. H. H. H.  
McKinstry under a contract he had with proper  
parties before the organization of the Bureau.  
I am as much much opposed to the McKinstry contract











London Sept 2. 1844.

My dear Sir,

I have the honor

I send you below an order on Mr. J. H. Langdon Esq. an Agent for George & Co. of the Hong Kong & Canton for Sir Robert Peel, & you will please turn over to her with the enclosed exemption, taking her obligation to send to Palestine for the taking of animal, and your of all over Sir Robert Peel for delivery to your goods of Govt. I do not issue exemption before I have your in possession of the goods receipt stating the quality and weight of the goods delivered, because I do so in this case it is distinctly understood, if any one objection is made, it is not certain, a precedent. The H. order guarantees the delivery of the same quality and weight of Cotton as that specified by her under the exemption now enclosed. When delivered you will send me your receipt to be sent home.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

C. E. Smith

Esq.

London



✓  
 Arthur Duncan Esq. Sept 2nd 1855  
 Charleston, Sept 2nd 1855.

P. S. Willis Esq.  
 Georgetown.

Sir -

I have your favour of 26th Sept with  
 wagon receipt for the plantation. Only 1000  
 Bales arrived here. I suppose the other  
 Bales was thrown off on the road. I have  
 have it looked after -

Very respectfully,

Arthur Duncan

Sept 2nd 1855

✓  
 Arthur Duncan Esq. Sept 2nd 1855  
 Charleston Sept 2nd 1855.  
 J. S. McManahan Esq. Sept  
 Palmetto, Anderson Co.

Sir -

✓  
 Deliver to order of J. S. McManahan Esq.  
 1000 enough of ginning & logs, out of the lot named  
 from J. W. Jackson, to be sold by Arthur Duncan,  
 retaining the wagon & other furniture being

J. S. McManahan

Sept 2nd 1855

Arthur Duncan

Arthur Brown left this  
 day of March 1870

James S. Brown  
 Princeton.

Sir - I have your favor of 20th of March  
 letter from Mrs. Hatcher - I think I have  
 arranged her trouble to her satisfaction, and have  
 written her accordingly. - When you  
 person makes this application to you please tell  
 them that if I comply I do so at my own risk,  
 I think you do not feel it proper to ask me to do  
 it.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Hall

I have a letter from J. S. Brown  
 New York June 23 - He was in  
 Indian Street Jail, New York. I thought I had  
 away. - The "Western Star" had been  
 not have been there. - She was in the  
 was her first trip - He wrote in great spirit.



Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Sept 2. 1864

C. T. B. Alexander Esq agt  
Texas

Sir

Yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult is at hand. I will make application here for the detail of such parties as teamsters whom you may certify you have use for and also have the required amount of transportation, on your sending me a descriptive roll of the parties. Soldiers however assigned to commands cannot be detailed unless they are disabled from field duty. Teams and negro drivers who are hauling exempted cotton or that owned by the government are not liable to impressment, but to have the drivers ~~allowed~~ allowed their owners no other quarant. I believe they must now be detailed by the enrolling officer of your county, and I apprehend your application is sufficient for the enrolling officer to act. When you claim cotton to be exempted force them to show their papers, that is the only mode to judge its value.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt Servt  
C. L. Wells  
Capt & agt

Quartermaster's Office  
 Houston Sept 2. 1864

J. H. Under Esq. agt  
 Havana

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult. and  
 its contents. I have not on hand a yard of bagging  
 or a pound of rope. I do not know from whom the  
 man obtained the information conveyed to you, but  
 it could not have been from any one authorized to  
 give it. I apprehend some one volunteered the information.  
 If he had prosecuted his enquiries much further  
 would have told him we had an establishment  
 manufacturing B&Rs by the thousand yds & pounds  
 today. We have purchased all the B&R now in  
 the market, and on board the two steamers that last  
 were in the blockade, but it will not more than  
 ease the strain now upon us,

Very Respectfully  
 your obt Servt

Capt & agt



Quartermaster Office  
Houston Sept 2. 1864

John M. Harris Esq  
Sweet Home

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 25th & 27th ult. and note contents. I have written both Capt Fairbairn and Mr. Harris to furnish you with bagging and rope. I cannot supply you from this point. Maj. Labell of Clinton 21st Regt Heavy has been authorized by Maj. Willie to grant permits on my certificate of exemption. This will I hope and believe solve the matter in your district very much. Capt. McDowell is now in the west and when he returns no doubt will make such changes as he deems expedient. Enclosed find blank certificates as requested. You can pay for the bagging and rope your report having borrowed in excess cotton at schedule rates. Buy the bagging and rope as cheap as possible but do not give more than 60¢ per yard and lb. In paying cotton at schedule rates have been authorized three cents per lb. you will bear this in mind in paying for the BKR.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. servt

Capt. J. M. Harris

*Letter from J. H. Brown to  
Genl. Smith*

My Dear General  
Stirling

Sir - I am just in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. and have been so busy since then upon my instructions to Mr. Cunningham as you are one of the parties interested in carrying out the plan of the Oregon Mining Co. - and you will now feel yourself aggrieved at my excuse. But for the fact that I now know positively that the Company has a permit from Genl. Smith, I would still claim that your letter was as much subject to investigation as that of any individual, under Genl. Smith's name from Dept. of War. The Genl. Smith has been fit to give your Company authority to explore the land at once I have neither the ability or the wish to interpose any obstacles in your way. As you are the owner actually the property of the Company and within the limit prescribed by Genl. Smith is concerned, but I shall be glad to explain the matter to the Agents of this Bureau, who will then make the signature of the Agents of the Company or will establish the property of the Co. in any letter or plantation owned by the holder it belongs to.



notwithstanding the fact in the latter clause of  
 your letter you will admit that there are  
 men not too good to claim a position in the  
 nation on the ground that it is the duty  
 of an example Corporation like your Company  
 individually I am indifferent that consideration  
 is expended or exemplified from my own  
 case of your Company, but as an officer of  
 the Govt with certain duties to perform I am  
 bound to exercise as much vigilance in pro-  
 tecting the rights of the Govt, as I am in my  
 power, and will feel myself culpable if I  
 fail to do so. Under this head I may  
 remark that no one connected with the agri-  
 cation desires to improve a thing that is  
 the more to say, and in giving every man  
 the right to express his views they are given  
 opportunities for improvement to be made  
 much easier than the legislation  
 Congress has afforded. - Where the rights  
 of this American are maintained the people  
 are satisfied of its goodness and benefit the  
 themselves, but constantly are determined  
 beforehand not to be deceived. It is  
 better to suffer a great loss than to





under various pretences (but need for private  
benefit) during the whole war, it gave every  
color to any charge brought against them.

The facts of this connection with the Co.  
did not give great assurance that any  
material benefit to the army would  
arise from the operations of the Co.

As the Co. is at present organized by our  
President is satisfied with its operations,  
I am hopeful that it will be made  
good & relieve this business of a great  
share of the responsibility now resting  
upon it. Our office is no secret,  
and if we could be received without any  
if used on other matters the change would  
be hailed with satisfaction by every  
man connected with it.

I must complain, large extracts of  
the implied insinuations in the last volume  
of your letter. Why 'my honorable  
Hon. Mr. [Name] should make me suspicious of all men' more  
than any other creature I could hardly  
understand, I cannot understand. It  
is natural that an official intercourse

with men of all phases of disposition &  
 characters should make me acquainted  
 with the fact that the majority of men  
 act almost entirely for their own interests  
 and take to themselves the benefit of any  
 lack of misfortune or come on the front  
 of the party trading with them. You  
 have lived long enough to appreciate  
 the truth of this. I commenced life  
 with the impression that all men were  
 fair dealers, but learned by a hard ex-  
 -perience that the contrary was the rule  
 and the exceptions were few & far  
 between. Hence in guarding my future  
 interest I must compel fair dealing  
 by stringent rules which bear equally  
 upon all. All who intend to do  
 right will not object to this. If  
 this is what you mean, you are right.  
 If you mean anything more I would  
 tell you to explain yourself.

Respectfully

Yours truly

C. B. Hill

Capt & Asst.

Amherst.



Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss.  
Houston, Sept 3. 1864.

Mj P. A. Burch, G. M.  
Chf Field Transp -

Sg: I have the honor to request a special  
exemption for the eight wagons & teams of  
six yoke of oxen each, belonging to W. H. Hett  
of Montgomery County, Texas, the same being  
engaged in hauling Coal Cotton to the Rio  
Grande, and in charge of W. B. S. Willis's  
Transportation Co of this Bureau. Your  
protection of these teams in advance of  
improvement will render unnecessary any  
future application for their release

Very respectfully  
Yours obt servt  
C. C. Hells.  
Capt. Regt.  
Atty. Gen.

Mastermason's Office  
Hudson Sept 2, 1864

Wm. J. Faison Esq  
La Grange

Enclosed please find a list of emigrants offered  
for by John Lattack of Bedford. I do not wish  
to detach the men on our application as I do not  
see and cannot imagine what use he has for  
them. If you need any of the men whose names  
are mentioned you will at once apply for them  
and inform Capt McCallan which ones, so he can  
hold them for you depending the applications. I  
have been informed that Munger, butrell & Harris are  
good men and have the required transportation and if  
you can make use for them or either of them within  
a reasonable time. I would while there is an opportunity  
be advisable to secure their services. If you prefer  
others than those mentioned apply for them. If you are  
on the ground and ought to know the parties and  
your wants better than at this office, then through  
word of you will return the enclosed paper.

Very Respectfully  
Your obt Servt  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt



Insidermatters office  
Houston Sept 3. 1864

John Gordon Esq Capt  
Albany  
Sir

By return mail if you will please inform this  
office the description and weights of 50 Bk received  
from Mr Montgomery and delivered to Richman.

Very Resp<sup>t</sup> yr obt Serv<sup>t</sup>

C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt

Charles Duncan, Dept France Texas  
Houston, Sept 3. 1864

J. W. Gairn Esq Capt  
Baltimore

Sir -

If I give Ball Blatching & Co an  
order on you for 2500 Ball Blatching, how long will  
it take you to fill it; provided I send you Bagging  
& Ropes within a week - By giving this order I send  
a tolerably large supply of Baking material -  
Reply to this separately - so that I may show your  
letter to them -

Very Resp<sup>tly</sup>

Delay shipments to San Antonio  
until the orders are filled

C. G. Wells

Capt & Adj. Capt.

Quartermasters Office  
Houston Sept 3, 1864

W. W. Johnson Esq  
Richmond

Sir

By return mail you will please inform  
this office from whom were purchased the lot  
of 44 Bb delivered to Brady.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans. Wm  
Houston, Sept 3, 1864.

Samuel Reginald Esq Esq  
Bartrop.

Sir -

If I give Ball Hatching & Co, an  
order on you for 100 Bales Cotton how long will  
it take you to fill it, provided I send you Bagging  
& rope within a week - By giving this order I  
can contract a tolerably large supply of Baling  
materials - Reply to this separately, so that I may  
show your letter to them,

Very respectfully

C. G. Wells

Capt Kadzich.



Enter same as Sept 18th.  
Answered Sept 1. 1864.

Respectfully forwarded to  
Capt. S. J. Hall for his  
information, and the re-  
sponse that Carl Runes  
advised this authority on  
his representation that he  
could control large amount  
of transportation - Carl  
Runes is interested in  
the authority is that Carl  
Runes will not be allowed  
to make sub contract with  
transiters or owners of engines  
to the railroad or dissatisfaction  
of any party interested in  
he is entitled only to loading  
for transportation - but  
owned by him or placed at  
his disposal willingly by  
owner - that is to say  
is no intention to give  
Runes the monopoly of the  
East transportation.

La. G. J. Wells  
Capt. S. J. Hall  
Capt. S. J. Hall

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La. G. J. Wells  
Capt. S. J. Hall  
Capt. S. J. Hall

*John P. ...*

*Longman & Co.*  
*London*

*Mr. J. P. ...*  
*Esq.*

*I have been of the ... in relation to the ...*  
*of the ... to the ...*  
*Yours very truly*

*Enclosed ...*  
*of the ...*

*Enclosed ...*  
*of the ...*  
*to the ...*

*I have sent a ...*  
*of the ...*  
*to the ...*  
*Yours very truly*

*John P. ...*



William B. French Dept. of the Interior  
 Washington, Sept 3. 1864 -

A. C. Lewis Esq

Monticello

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 24<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
 Quite contented - I have been so much  
 disappointed by the non receipt of specie funds  
 from Mexico, that I dislike to set a day for the  
 payment of the Knight drafts, for fear of a  
 like disappointment - But I will say that  
 you may send or bring the drafts here as  
 well - but, and if I am not in receipt of the  
 funds by that time I will receive them out-  
 side and pay you -

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt

W. B. French

Capt & Adj. Genl.





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Quartermaster's Office  
Hanson Sept 2, 1864.

J. S. Ladd, Esq. Capt.  
Havanna

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st inst enclosing  
B/L of 4 balls cotton of 4 lbs each and note enclosed.  
I cannot at present place special funds in your hands  
to pay freight. When I receive special funds I cannot send  
any so far long enough to make any order. Enclosed  
find certified a/c for John Kelly for \$1.00 and  
receipt for four balls cotton of 4 lbs each.

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Very respectfully  
Yours obtly  
G. L. Wells  
Capt & Co

San Antonio office ✓  
 Houston Sept 8, 1864

F. S. Bailey Esq. Agt.  
 Huntsville

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> ult. and note contents. Enclosed find certified copy of order of Smith & Eastman under date Aug 19<sup>th</sup> for \$114.03. The exemption on this cotton has been paid as requested to J. Harrell Smith at San Antonio. Enclosed also find certified copy of order of F. Campbell under date Aug 21<sup>st</sup> for \$13.02 and exemption for 6 Bales of weighing 3162 lbs. The exemption and certified copy from Mr. C. F. Harrell has been paid to S. A. Davis Cash Springs as requested. Also find enclosed a Millermark exemption there.

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Very respectfully  
 for att. Sent  
 C. F. Miller  
 Capt & agent



Quartermaster Office  
Houston Sept 2 1864

J. Barratt Smith  
San Antonio

Sir

Enclosed find adopted exemption by for two hundred  
and 70 days sales cotton, forwarded to you at San Antonio  
per request of F. & Bailey agent of this office at Houston.  
It is certified as in favor of Smith & Eastman. The same  
forwarded to Mr. Bailey.

Very respectfully  
your obedient servant  
L. G. Wells  
Capt & Surgeon

W. H. Davis Esq, 1st Sgt  
Cold Springs

Sir

Enclosed please find certificate of proof of 200 lb of wheat  
under date Aug 21 for 1431<sup>23</sup> and receipt for eight bales  
of cotton weighing 4235 pounds. which you will  
please deliver to me.

Very Respectfully  
Yr obt Servt  
C. G. Wells  
Cotton Agent

Superintendent Office  
Houston August 2, 1864



Quartermaster office  
Houston Sept: 3 1864

H. W. Hart Esq agt  
Anderson

Sir

Enclosed find explanation for Geo Stenerson  
under date 3<sup>rd</sup> inst for 20 Bales cotton @ 10262 lbs  
certified also for \$ 2565<sup>00</sup> under date Aug 30<sup>th</sup> also  
certified also for Geo Stenerson for \$ 1653<sup>00</sup> under  
date Aug 25<sup>th</sup>

Very Respectfully  
Yr obt Servt  
G. G. Wells  
Capt & agm

John W. Weston

enclosed find certified ofc for one J. Oswald for  
 5000 and on date 29th ult. and receipt for one  
 date 29 525 bbs of 1st of date-

Very respectfully  
 C. L. M.



Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss  
Houston Sept 3 1864

John Moore & Son

Contractors - Orange, Texas

Enclosure.

To supply the want of negroes to  
handle the lost cotton in your charge, I  
suggest that you hire from the neighboring  
plantations such hands as they can spare -  
All the negroes thus employed by you will  
be exempt from conscription and will be  
credited on the quota or call - Any  
negroes thus engaged by you must be reported to  
me by descriptive list, viz.  
name of owner - distance - name of negro - age - height color -  
and I will have them properly recorded at the  
Labor Bureau.

Very respectfully  
Yours etc  
C. C. Wells  
Sept 10 1864  
Atty. Gen.

Quartermaster's Office ✓

Oct 27 1864

No 10

Sir,

I am in receipt of your two letters of the 20th and 21st inst. contents. If the party from whom you wanted goods for the 1st company he must stand to his bargain, if you have possession you cannot be ousted. I do not know how you can make special payments unless you can get funds from Capt. Smithell, with whom you are in correspondence on the subject. There is but one expense that special can be paid for, and people about it cannot expect to be treated better than anyone else. I have advised you in a previous letter that for the 1st company must deliver their cotton at your store at their own cost and is to be purchased by the 1st co. and it is raised in Milledenbury. The 1st co. is about 140 lb purchased in Lincoln County. The schedule rates for all of cotton on other used in forage, has been advanced here three cents per lb. you will bear this in mind in paying for the cotton which is to be obtained from Milledenbury.

Very respectfully  
your obt. servt  
E. E. Wells  
Capt & a gen



Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.  
Houston Sept 3. 1864 -

Major J. C. Thomas.

Chf. C. S. Fed. Dist Tex.

Sir,

I have the honor to request the detail

of J. M. Walker.

complexion,

age -

high,  
hair,

aged,

, enrolled in

native of  
County,

for the purpose of superintending the introduction of  
army supplies.

Mr. Walker being endorsed by General Howard  
Smith & Brig. Gen. Robert, I am willing to assign  
him to duty on this side which is now ready for  
use of it is detailed for this Bureau - His  
case is indirectly covered by the order of Gen.  
Smith - and his services in this connection up  
to this time warrants me in believing that his  
detail will be of material benefit to the Govt.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servt

Chas. H. Wells

Capt. Vagr.

Chf. C. S.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss  
Houston, Sept 3. 1864.

In all whom it may concern:

Herms King Klee, under contract with  
H. Lee H. A. Broadwell, Chf of Bureau, dated  
July 10. 1864, are authorized to transport on  
Government account, all the Cotton acquired  
by the Agents of this Bureau in Matagorda  
County -

The Officers authorized to  
inspect vessels and teams, will permit King  
Klee's transportation free passage, whenever they  
exhibit, in connection with this paper, the certificate  
of J. C. Madson, Agent, that they have received the  
Cotton laden thereon, from the Government - and  
Major Willie or other Officers authorized by him,  
will endorse on the back of this paper the number  
of Bales weight of each lot of Cotton permitted  
to pass -

In all such instances my official  
certificate as to the property of the Government  
will be given, on return of this paper to me.

Co. C. Wells

Capt. Agent.

Acty. Chf.



Cotton Bureau Rept. James M. Hays  
Houston, Sept 3, 1864

~~Memorandum~~ -

Corpus Christi, Texas

You are respectfully requested to afford all the protection in your power to the Genl. Cotton in charge of the Hqs. who are contractors for the transportation to Matamoros - They are making use of the Bay route and in doing so will generally have Cotton lying at Corpus awaiting wagons. & consequently more or less exposed.

Any assistance extended to them whereby their operations will be facilitated will be a benefit to the public service, and will be gratefully appreciated by all who are interested in the success of the Bureau.

Very respectfully,

Yours truly,

C. E. Hays

Capt. V. A. Hays

Adj. Genl.

City Bureau Dept. Long Miss  
Hawthorn Sept 3 1894.

My dear Mr. Wright  
Beaumont -

My dear -

In case the Conductor of the A.O.  
train will not take the cars through to  
Orange with the Dugging & Rope & Scales  
for Stone & Smokes, please see your  
influence to have it done - It seems  
they are out of Dugging material & unless  
the last run out reaches there by Monday  
they will be idle for five days - Please  
advise me.

Very respectfully

Yours truly  
C. C. Wells  
Capt. Regt.  
City of



Col. J. B. Duncan Rept. Louis News  
Haverhill Sept 3, 1854

Dear Sir -

I hear you are gone to the Rio Grande - while  
there find some place for Capt Gray who has been  
ordered by Genl Smith to report to you for duty.  
He is now here very anxiously awaiting orders -  
I do not know whether to send him on after you  
or not -

Maj. H. H. Thomas is very anxious  
to have you arrange the Maj. Pearce & Sackling  
matters - there is a letter from him here today.

I sent you by last mail Maj. Bryan letter shewing  
Genl Smith's determination to publish the President's  
regulations & make the people see H. 34 & 35 in connection  
with them. You will find this action fatal to us -  
We are doing well now, spite of all the hubbub - we  
are getting better - paying off - everyone who deals  
with us is satisfied - but Genl Smith will spoil  
all, I am afraid, by not allowing this original  
policy.

Hoping to see you soon again - I am  
Yours very respectfully

Wm. H. Kelly

Wm. H. Kelly

Wm. H. Kelly

San Antonio -





Mastermatters office 421  
Houston Sept. 5. 1864

Judge J. W. Gray  
Marshal

Sir

I am daily in receipt of letters from various parties giving detailed accounts of the manner in which like cotton is being destroyed and wasted.

Mr. J. A. Davis the agent of this office at Cold Springs, Cold Springs, <sup>and</sup> that the like cotton in his District is being delivered in his room is the public square, where it lies on the ground, exposed to all kinds of weather, rotting and wasted, and fed upon by cattle, which are numerous and will eat it all up unless soon cared for. It has been the experience of those connected with this office that cotton must be stored where it is not accessible to cattle. It takes cattle but a very short time to destroy utterly any lot of cotton they are able to attain a receipt. I will thus presume you are not aware of the information it conveys.

Very Respectfully  
Yr. old Servant  
C. G. Wells  
Sept 5, 1864

428  
Houston Sept 5, 1864

C. J. Davis Esq. Sub. agt  
Cald Springs

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st inst. and in  
note contents. We have nothing to do with cotton,  
each cotton is in the charge of Judge [unclear] agt  
[unclear] sub. at Marshall, and is pledged by act  
of Congress to the Emancipation holders of which is  
known as cotton bonds. I have written Judge [unclear]  
several times about the destruction taking place with  
the cotton. But will do so again, and call his  
attention again to the cotton in your favor. I do  
not believe it is any worse where you are than  
any other part of the State. It is shamefully made  
inadequate. I make cotton owners swear, but this  
office is powerless to afford a remedy.

Very respectfully

Yr. obt. Servt

L. G. Wells

Sept 5, 1864

Very truly

Yours

L. G. Wells

Sept 5, 1864



Quartermaster's office 429  
Houston Sept 5. 1864  
✓

Wm. Land Esq. agt  
Liberty  
✓

Sir  
I am in receipt of yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst and note  
well. If you will furnish me with the name of a  
party belonging to the reserve corps who will suit you in regard  
to his descriptive roll, I will have him detailed and added  
to your force as an assistant. It is useless to attempt the detail  
of a party not being a member of the reserve corps.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt.  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & agr.

Quartermaster's office  
Houston Sept 5. 1864

F. H. Cook Esq. agt  
Templeton

Sir

There is 180/6 on the plantation of Mr. S. A. Wharton  
of your county, turned in by J. H. Herndon, that belongs  
to the Bureau. You will promptly obtain this cotton  
and weight it and forward to this office. Mr.  
Herndon has already received his permit.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt.  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & agr.

San Antonio office  
 Houston Sept 5. 1864

Mr. J. A. Baskin  
 3rd La Infantry  
 The Woodlands, La.

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 26th inst. I will call  
 on the agent of this office at Montgomery to receive the cotton you  
 refer to, and when informed will advise you. The price  
 given for cotton when your bill of lading is as follows,  
 ordinary 10¢, Good only 9¢, Low middling 8¢, middling up, and  
 Good middling 7¢. We will for help the cotton with exemption from  
 inspection and permit of exportation for the balance. If the  
 cotton is baled double these rates are given. We do not  
 purchase all of a man's crop of cotton for inspection  
 money. Holders who sell all their cotton will receive a draft  
 on the Bank of Mexico for one half the amt in specie  
 and the other half in U. S. money, but will require no right  
 to export. The inspection money given is of course new cash.  
 If it will suit you better you can turn over all your  
 cotton, and receive in specie <sup>to be paid at once</sup> ~~on sight~~ <sup>at once</sup> ~~on sight~~ power to  
 export a little quantity. provided however the exemption must  
 be used on cotton obtained east of the line of the United  
 States. Exemption can be sold readily here for a good  
 price in specie.

Very respectfully  
 Your obt. Servt  
 J. A. Baskin  
 Agent & A. G. W.  
 and J. A. Baskin



*Wm. L. ...*

*[Illegible handwritten signature]*

The first place found on 2d August  
was the largest by Mr. Hurdson for his cotton,  
the area extends about 80 miles above Milliam. You  
will also find other cotton and here it promptly  
increased. The quantity is about 20 bales per  
acre of land and enough other cotton to come as long  
as you want.

very respectfully  
yours all round  
in the Middle  
East & again

*John W. Adams*



*[Illegible handwritten notes]*





From Cotton Office  
Newton Sept 5th 1864.

At John's Exp  
Rebanned

I have shipped out to day's train to  
St Dunlop. Walker Station  
3 Bales Mexican Rope 1184 yds.  
1 " Dundee Roping 1000  
on rope 25 1025 yds.

To J. M. Station. Sandy Point

1 Bales Cotton Rope 117  
1 Roll Dundee Roping 102.

for which please forward receipt to this office

Very Respectfully

Wm. H. C. C. C.

Rebanned

also for

Mr. Mason. Sandy Point.

4 Bales Dundee Roping 4000 yds  
2 Bales Rope 400 yds

From Cotton Office  
Newton Sept 5th 1864.

At W. W. Downing  
Chaffinch Hill

I ship you out to day's train.

1 Bale Dundee Roping 500 yds 1312 yds  
Eight Bales Cotton Rope 952 yds













Quartermaster office  
Houston Sept. 7. 1864

✓  
I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. is at hand. Enclosed find a  
draft on the order of the Quartermaster at Houston as requested. Draw on me  
for the amount of the draft for freight. I am daily in expectation  
of receiving the draft for freight, and by the time  
it comes I will probably be in funds. Draw  
on me for the amount of the draft in it. The amt of cotton in bales  
is about 1000 and by an attach master of transport.

Respectfully  
Yr att Servt  
C. L. Mills  
to Lt & again

Quartermaster office  
Houston Sept. 7. 1864

✓  
I am in receipt of yours of the 24th inst. and  
will today apply for details of other  
as requested.

Very respectfully  
Yr att Servt  
C. L. Mills



Quartermaster's office  
Hancock Sept 7. 1864

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Western District of Texas

I have the honor to request the detail of your  
son, a private, Blue eyes, Black hair, Dark complexion  
formerly a farmer, native of Alabama, Enrolled  
in the service, Sept 3, 1864.

The services of the logging are  
for the cotton bales for the transportation of  
the cotton.

Please order him to report to me for  
duty.

Very respectfully  
Yr obt Servt  
C. G. Mills  
Capt & a qm

Quartermasters office  
Houston Sept 7, 1864

Be Stone's Regt  
Brenham

Sir

Enclosed find certified account from 20 Bagg for  
\$2074<sup>00</sup> under date Sept 2<sup>d</sup> and exemption No. 167 for 25 Bb  
weighing 12945 pounds. Also certified ap from T. G. Banks  
for ~~2074<sup>00</sup>~~ \$1794<sup>00</sup> under date Aug 31<sup>st</sup> and exemption  
No. 170 for 31 Bales weighing 14945. Also another certified  
ap from T. G. Banks for \$1521<sup>00</sup> under date Sept 2, 1864  
and exemption No. 169 for 14 Bb weighing 6689 pounds.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt Servt  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & agm

P.S. One of these exemptions to W. Banks is for cotton  
sold in Wharton County



Quartermaster office 441  
Houston Sept 7. 1864

Capt. J. F. Smith  
Gaines  
Sir

Enclosed find certified of favor J. P. Renshaw  
under date Sept. 1. 1864 for \$101.38 and exemption for  
6000 weighing 2800 pounds N. 171 - also certified  
of favor Hugh Lewis dated Sept. 1. for \$1000 and  
exemption for 3000 weighing 4000 lbs N. 169 -

Very Respectfully  
Your obt Servant  
L. G. Wells  
Capt & a gm

L. G. Garrison Esq ✓  
Wharton

Sir

Quartermaster office  
Houston Sept 7. 1864

I have forwarded your certified of for \$606.00 to  
J. P. Focke our agent at Wharton from whom you  
can obtain it. The exemption has been handed to James  
Boyer as requested.

Very Respectfully  
Your obt Servant  
L. G. Wells  
Capt & a gm

Quartermaster Office  
Houston Sept 25 1864

as apt  
I am in receipt of yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> inst  
and will comply. All government receipts must be  
in duplicate. This will be for you having as you suppose  
to do. You will deliver both to the parties and when they  
are sent me both must be signed by the party in  
whose favor they are made out. Expect by the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
next month a liberal supply of new issue to discharge  
all of our ops. In the meantime I will to those who  
ask it pay their accounts in old issue adding an  
the discount (fifty per cent) which amounts to the  
same thing. Thus if I owe a man \$100 new issue  
I will pay him \$150 old currency. I am daily in expec-  
tion of funds from Mexico to pay specie ~~and~~ freight.  
I will furnish you with B&R as early as possible.  
Those at here can not imagine the difficulty I  
have in obtaining B&R, - it is no small job to furnish  
B&R for all the cotton in the Trans Mex Dept in such  
times as these -

Very respectfully  
Your obt. Servant  
G. C. Mills,  
Sept 25 64



✓  
 Major General G. A. Smith  
 Houston Sept 7. 1864

✓  
 Major General G. A. Smith  
 Houston

✓  
 I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st inst and  
 note enclosed. Enclosed find let blank bills of exchange  
 will furnish you with baggage and safe as soon  
 as possible. Those not connected with us can not  
 acquire the difficulty we have in obtaining baggage  
 and safe. I assume your it is our all got to furnish  
 the whole Trans. trip left in and 1000 as well as  
 share a little. In regard to your proposition it is reason-  
 able enough, but I have no power to accept it. This office  
 is authorized to acquire cotton on certain terms and  
 can obtain it on no others, and can only exempt cotton  
 when we have acquired one half on the office terms. This  
 office has no discretion, and all propositions from any  
 party not strictly on our published terms must be  
 submitted to Genl Smith.

Very respectfully  
 Your obt Servt  
 L. L. Wells  
 Capt & a gen

Quartermaster office  
Houston Sept 7. 1864

J. B. Mason Esq  
Houston

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. & get one of  
your enclosed exemption from Banks  
I have been as requested to our apt. there. When I gave  
you the letter to you I thought he had received  
it. Your answer is satisfactory. In shipping cotton  
to Houston send order to Bernard station or direct as you  
prefer. Mr. Bernard apt. at Houston can advise you  
better than we can here. I will advise you about freight  
as far as practicable. Enclosed find certified copy of your  
order for 2200 lbs and exemption as follows  
2200 lbs of cotton weighing 12500 lbs -

Very respectfully  
your obt. Servt  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt

P.S. - Enclosed find <sup>certified</sup> copy of your order for B. & H. Mason  
of your county for 2000 lbs which please have & bring  
and tell him that the exemption has been handed & will  
be as requested -

C. G. W.



Inspection office  
Houston Sept 7, 1864

Wm. B. Ragsdale  
Montgomery

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst and note contents. I will furnish you with S.R. as soon as possible. Please not be impatient as we can not imagine the difficulty we have in obtaining baggage & so on. It is no small job to furnish the whole Trans Miss Sept in such times as these with such articles.

This office is established to purchase cotton and the terms governing it, and which are set forth in its circulars to its agents, and can only exempt cotton where the government has acquired one half. It has no directions. All propositions not on the terms of this office must be submitted to Genl Smith for his action.

Very respectfully  
Yours obt Servt  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agent

Quartermaster's office  
Houston Sept 7, 1864

J. A. Velder Esq Agent  
Harrisburg

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd inst and note contents -

Very respectfully  
Yr obt Serv  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & a qu

Quartermaster's office  
Houston Sept 8, 1864

Major W. S. Baughan  
Gonzales

Sir

I am in receipt of yr of the 3rd inst and note contents, I will as requested write F. Hook our agent at Hempstead about Paul Goodwin's cotton. He can pay Judge Brown for the half purchased in old issue U. S. notes by adding on 50 percent to make it equivalent to new issue. Thus if his amt is \$1000 new issue we will pay him \$1500 old issue. I am not provided with new issue.

Very respectfully  
Yr obt Serv  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & a qu





20th June 1844  
 Agitation 3. 10. 5 1844

W. B. Bessie Esq

Sam. Lake

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your of 15th June 1844. I will pay all arrears due for the presentation of the paper to the printer. The paper is not as good as the one with which I believe you are familiar. I suggest your authorise some one else to sign your name to receipts for freight and you can draw on the 1st of the month. I have not specie funds enough to draw funds in the hands of the various agents. I cannot do so until I receive larger amounts than I have yet done.

Yours faithfully  
 Wm. Bessie Esq  
 6. 10. 5 1844



Quartermaster Office  
Hannston Sept 8 1864

Dear Sir,  
Night Service, Western District of Texas

I have the honor to request the detail of 5  
to 6 yrs. 5 ft 6 in. Gray eyes, Sandy hair, fair complexion  
resident of Washington County and a <sup>private in</sup> ~~member of~~  
Coast Mangrove Company, Reserve Corps, Washington  
County.

The services of private Kemp are  
important to the cotton Bureau for the transportation  
of government cotton

Should order him to report to me  
for assignment to duty

Very respectfully  
Yours obt Servt  
C. J. Wells  
Capt & Agm

Quartermaster's Office  
Haverton Sept 8, 1864

John Nelson Esq Capt  
Haverton

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst and note  
contents. If you have any B & R on hand ship them in  
as early as means.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt Servt  
C. H. Wells  
Capt & a gen

Quartermaster's Office  
Haverton Sept 8, 1864

Ben Stone Esq  
Bendham

Sir

Enclosed find the detail for eight negroes requested  
by you some time back being drivers in the train employed  
by you and in chg of Mr. Harbison or his son

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt Servt  
C. H. Wells  
Capt & a gen



Quartermaster's Office

London Sept 8. 1864

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are

I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd ult. The  
 account of the same has not yet been received, so I will  
 not be able to forward it to you at present.

Very Respectfully

Yours obt. Servt

L. G. Miller

Capt & Comd

Quartermaster's Office

London Sept 8. 1864

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst and  
 in reply to inform you that the same will be furnished as soon as it  
 is possible. It is useless at present to attempt  
 to get of any party to assist you.

Very Respectfully

Yours obt. Servt

L. G. Miller

Capt & Comd

Quartermaster's office  
Houston Sept 28th 1864

J. H. Davis Esq Agent  
Savannah Ga

I have noticed that for the last two months you have been receiving duplicate certificates. Such papers are not contemplated to be used in duplicate, and troops were called only upon the originals of such papers that are not required by the regulations or the orders making the Bureau to be in duplicate. The certificates for cotton issued by the different departments of the Bureau are very particular papers and duplicates of them are never issued under any circumstances.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt Servant  
C. G. Mills  
Capt & a gm



Letter from Dept. of the Interior  
Hearings. Sept 8. 1884.

Ward & Co. Esq. of  
Cincinnati.

400

The Independence Manufacturing Co. order  
a thing from Dept. of the Interior to export  
500 Bales Cotton. Under the same order it is  
provided that the Co. should first deposit the  
Cotton in some place or places where it can be  
made available to Govt. The Cotton to be held  
for inspection should the Co. fail to introduce  
the machinery within a reasonable time. The  
Cotton to be available must be Bales in Baggings  
Age. In expedite their movements you are  
authorized to receive the Baled Cotton evidenced  
by the parties & give your certificate for the same,  
requiring the party to guarantee the participation of  
the Cotton on the plantation with proper delivery  
and called for. This Cotton not being  
guaranteed by the Govt, you will not use the  
usual form of certificate & I enclose you  
your guidance.

Very respectfully,  
W. H. Hall  
S. H. Hall

of Washington County  
 one on his plantation in the State of  
 Virginia. and engaged to hold  
 the same for me from the month of March,  
 1862, until the order of the Officer in Charge of the  
 District of Columbia, at Washington, and deliver the  
 same to me for, without expenses of any  
 kind or manner on my change for Storage or a sale.  
 The same being delivered on account of the Independence  
 Manufacturing Co. to be perfected to the State in case  
 of failure of the Co. to introduce Machinery as agreed with  
 the State of Virginia - but to be returned to  
 the Company upon the exhibition of evidence of the  
 introduction of Machinery.

J. P. Cannon

Attest: James A. Smith Sept. 1862.

Deposition - Sept 1862



Having delivered to L. Langdon, Esq. of the  
 Port of London, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> — — — — —  
 as per invoice — now on my part  
 I wish myself to hold the same, well pro-  
 -tected from the weather & other, subject to  
 the order of the Officer in charge of the Custom  
 House at Newcastle, and deliver the same  
 when called for without expenses of any kind  
 whatever, or any charge for Storage or care.  
 This Cotton being delivered on account of the  
 Independence Manufacturing Co. — to be for-  
 -warded to the York in case of failure of the  
 Co. to introduce machinery as agreed upon  
 with Genl. Smith, Esq. of — — — — — but to be sent  
 to me or the Co. upon the expiration of the  
 major portion of evidence of the completion of  
 the Machinery — — — — —

Geo. Smith (Seal)

Witness  
 Geo. Brown  
 Esq. of the

Charles Sumner, Wm. Sumner, John

Hamden, Sept. 8. 1872.

J. S. Knapp Esq. Jyl.

*Lichnia*

If you receive from Capt J. C. Scott  
an order for up of J. N. Zacharie

Manuscript, for use of J. H. Jackson

Indian Bagging. 120 yds - 180 yds.

21 Coils Rope —————

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you will deliver them in fragments in an  
 100 Home Holding Cabins at 24 & 25

Have Hiding Cabins at 24 & 25

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Amount of 2. 1/2 days delivered - 1000

more ~~price~~ <sup>than</sup> the above

See his duplicate receipts showing Bull

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Attended by Mr. Jackson.

Kindness

1000

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W. E. Ericksen  
Copyright.



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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late John Smith, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours, &c.  
 J. P. Smith

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 Yours, &c.  
 J. P. Smith

James L. Smith  
Darius Ogden

Wm. L. Smith  
Joseph

Albion is Capt. J. H. Smith  
The first of the year  
The first of the year  
The first of the year  
The first of the year  
The first of the year

Respectfully  
Yours  
J. L. Smith  
Darius Ogden  
Wm. L. Smith  
Joseph



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Eastern Bureau Sept 2nd this  
Month Sept 8. 1894.

Major J. H. Lawrence

By C. S. Hunt and J. -



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to have the honor to request the  
details of

Jack Frost - yes - yes

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occupies a mound, covered in Hagenia  
brush.

A. H. Kleban - aged 70 - 1914

Figure 1

Ampleman - 6

occupies a moral and excellent in Har-  
County.

For transportation of each volume -

*[Illegible handwritten signature]*

There is a line to my eye, to me  
for the purpose of the day.

THE

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Quartermaster office A62  
Houston Sept 9th 1864

Wm. B. Thomas  
Chief Manuscript Service, Western District of Texas.  
your

I have the honor to request the detail of the  
following parties

|                   |             |             |         |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| 1. Wm. Hutchinson | years       | eyes        | hair    |
|                   | complexion  | native of   |         |
|                   | ft.         | inches high | and     |
|                   | Enrolled in | county      |         |
| 2. J. C. Clinton  | years       | ft          | in high |
|                   | hair        | complexion  | eyes    |
|                   | a native of |             |         |
|                   | Enrolled in | county      |         |

These parties have been specially  
employed by Maj Charles Russell agent of the Cotton  
Bureau, and a contract entered into with them for the trans-  
portation of government cotton, and their services are  
important to this office.

Please order them to report  
to me for assignment to duty.

Very Respectfully  
Gammill Street

Capt & agm

Quartermaster's office 46

Hanston Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

W. G. Hamell Esq

Postmaster 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Regt

Galveston

Sir

Yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst is at hand. I will at once apply  
for your detail and use my best exertions in your favor

Very respectfully

W. G. Hamell

W. G. Hamell

W. G. Hamell



Cotton Bales No. 460

I hereby certify that the Schooner "Good Hope" is now lying at Columbia and bound for Vera Cruz in laden with Cotton received from this Bureau in payment of Army supplies imported by Messrs. P. & D. G. Hatchins & Co. for the use of the Confederate States.

Ship Labeled

109 Bales weighing 410970

LC 57 20355

LT 2 760

LC 31 14291

LT 19 8458

218 Bales weighing 83934 lbs.

Done this 9th Sept. 1864

I hereby certify that the Schooner "Itasca" Captain Newham now lying at Columbia and bound for Vera Cruz is laden with Cotton received from this Bureau in payment of Army supplies imported by Messrs. P. & D. G. Hatchins & Co. for the use of the Confederate States.

Ship Labeled

114 Bales Cotton weighing 55674 lbs.

Done this 9th Sept. 1864

Central Bureau, Dept. of War  
 Houston, Sept. 20, 1904.

At San Antonio, Tex. Aug. 20, 1904. Assigned to duty  
 in this Bureau by Special Order 1201. 2nd  
 Regt. Inf. Aug. 20, 1904. will be transferred to  
 duty at St. Louis, Mo. Broadwell, Chief  
 of Bureau at San Antonio, without delay.  
 In the absence of Col. Broadwell on the Rio  
 Grande Col. Gray will place himself in  
 communication with him by letter and  
 until further orders will advise Capt. J. B.  
 Smith at San Antonio.

C. G. Kelly

Capt. A. M.

C. G. Kelly

Quartermasters are requested to furnish  
 Col. Gray transportation in kind.

C. G. Kelly

Capt. A.



Custom House, Dept. of the Interior  
 Havana, Sept. 9. 1874.

The Officer or Agent in charge of the Custom  
 House at Santiago.

Will please deliver to King & Co.  
 or their authorized agents, Mr. E. P. Satter,  
 the Custom in your charges for transportation  
 to available points on the coast -  
 The receipts of King & Co. or of Mr. Satter  
 will be good vouchers to you for the  
 transfer of this Custom - Messrs King & Co.  
 are contractors with Gen. Broadwell for  
 its removal - His absence on the Rio  
 Grande renders it impossible the issuance  
 of this order under his own hand, but  
 he will expect a full compliance with it -

Any facilities given Mr. Satter will be  
 beneficial to the Public interests, and will  
 be fully appreciated -

Very respectfully,

Yours truly,

C. C. Mills

Capt. Agent.

Oct. 11.

My dear Sir,  
 I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. and in reply to inform you  
 that we are not in a position to accept of the same.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. and in reply to inform you  
 that we are not in a position to accept of the same. I am sorry to hear that you have been disappointed with the result.  
 of course we are not in a position to accept of the same. I am sorry to hear that you have been disappointed with the result.  
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Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Wm. A. R.



San Antonio office

San Antonio Sept 9 1864

J. S. Vidder Esq

San Antonio

Sir

Yours of the 1st inst is at hand and in reply to it, I notice that you pay parties well freight for hauling R & R on back trips. This is incorrect our regulations on back trips only require what schedule rates. If any wagoner refuses to haul at the rates for which he was detailed, you will at once inform me and I will revoke the detail, and you will employ no wagoner who will not haul back work and forward at our rates.

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

C. G. Wells

Coast & Georgia

We only pay for back freight

from San Antonio towards

Waco 5¢ per 100 lbs and 1¢ per 100 miles

in all cases

Quartermaster's office  
Houston Sept 9. 1864

C. A. Davis Esq Agent  
1000 Springs

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st & 2d inst  
concerning the furnishing of B.R. goods must receive  
a command of direction, and give the party B.R. when it  
will be as well for the cotton as the goods  
wants, we have no right to make or party sign for any more  
of a commodity than they have received. It is the earnest  
wish of this office to conduct its business honestly and  
according to its promises. Unfortunately however many  
of the goods it promises to furnish promptly. Can not be  
done on account of the difficulty, and I may say almost  
the impossibility of obtaining them. It must depend on  
your immediate wants whether you furnish the parties  
with all the baggage you want them, and when you are  
not furnished it when you attain the good half you  
should do it as soon thereafter as practicable. I will  
supply you with B.R. goods as often as practicable  
until your wants are satisfied. It is no small job  
to supply the whole Trans Miss Sept with B.R. in such  
times as these. I have written to Liberty to see if arrangements  
cannot be made to deliver cotton there from your section,  
and if one of such will inform you. I have known too  
much cotton destroyed at St. Liberty to risk shipment to  
there unless I have an agent there to receive it in whom  
I can rely.

Very Respectfully  
Yours  
C. L. W.



Quartermasters Office  
Hankston Sept 9, 1864

Major Charles Russell  
San Antonio

I have today applied for the detail of J. H. [unclear] and Mr. P. G. Canton based on your contract with me for the transportation of cotton. We have [unclear] this side of the Colorado River already detailed than we have use for or can employ within a reasonable time: there is no difficulty in obtaining transportation and if required could obtain any required, and am in the habit of repairing transportation everyday. To agents of the Bureau I have left to apply for [unclear] for their transportation as <sup>demand</sup> ~~required~~ and [unclear] with they have had no difficulty in obtaining [unclear] and have much more than they <sup>can use</sup> ~~require~~. I respectfully request that you will send no more [unclear] in this section of the country unless you have some very particular reason for so doing. Your sending transportation here only [unclear] our operations, and perplexes our agents not knowing what to do with your teams. In every instance where your contractors have applied for loads, the agents have written me asking what to do, and stating they would be forced to turn off teams already engaged if they employed yours, and that it occasioned [unclear] if here where it was possible given your contractors the preference, and always afforded them every facility.





Quartermaster's Office  
Hudson Sept 9, 1894

Dear Sir,

It is within the range of possibility or  
probability that it is perfectly marked,  
and it is not a question of fact. But your ingenuity  
will tell you if you can not devise some plan that  
will answer the little want for the chimney and will with  
a little bit of ingenuity will do if you can not do better.  
I am an old ingenious man and hope you will puzzle  
me a good deal more for the time. We can not  
apply for a patent for this point. And there are the  
best of all skulls as well as to my mind.

Very Respectfully  
Yours  
C. L. Wells  
Sept 9 a.m.

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Quarantine office  
Houston Sept 9th 1864

✓

Wm. A. ...  
...

✓  
I have in receipt of yours of the 2nd inst and  
in answer I have the cotton received from White  
in your place and are bound by it. I will  
not do so unless you

Very respectfully  
Yours att. servt  
R. L. Wells  
Sept 9th 1864



Provisional office  
Houston Sept 9. 1864

Dear Mr. Wells

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st inst and will endeavor to  
obtain it in paying out confidential money of Davis, in cattle-  
and sheep. by adding on to the bank note as we do  
not it is equivalent to new issue, and see no reason why  
we should not do the same. In doing so however be  
careful your vouchers show the addition. I have  
no objection and do not know with any certainty  
whether I shall receive it. It is not our policy to issue  
notes and I think it is expedient to do so, we have  
not in pressing it do in getting cotton. I have  
no answer to your inquiries concerning the bank matter.  
I will obtain supplies I respectfully refer you to  
Capt. Smithells. you can much better be supplied from  
the point than from here. I send you by Saturday  
mail order from 18th St of signing Maj. J. H. Smith to  
act as commissary.

Very respectfully  
yours  
B. G. Wells  
Capt & Co

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Insiderman's office  
London Sept 9. 1864

I am in receipt of present of your letter of the 3rd  
and note under it. It is at present useless to attempt  
detail of parties for clerks. This office is very short  
of assistance and can obtain none. we have only  
five men to do all our work here.

Very respectfully  
yrs obt I sent  
C. G. Wells  
Capt & agent



20 order, order office  
Houston Sept 9, 1864

But look Eng  
testrope

I am in receipt of yours of the 30th ult. and  
in answer to it, I can not of course apply for any more  
of the 1000 bales of cotton to be used in your district  
as I am informed of the demand for them to be other-  
wise used before I can to just demand and answer  
and I. Referring the contract subject present  
of the 1000 bales of cotton to the cotton buyers and  
a place from which they at present need transfer-  
ence, when it is applied is informed of your need-  
ing for services of the cotton I will again apply for  
it with the cotton buyers would be perfecting a  
perfect fraud on the government, they are in the  
army who by our laws should be there  
without entering any war for them.

Very Respectfully  
Yours etc. J. L. Bell  
to. by. Bell  
Sept 9, 1864





Quartermaster's Office  
Houston Sept 9. 1864

of M. P. Baughan  
Gauguin

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst and note  
concerning Maj Cobell is a regular bonded officer of the  
army and of course his receipt will be satisfactory  
to you. I am glad to know so efficient an officer as  
Maj Cobell will be stationed at so important a point  
as the Rio Grande, but at the same time desire to  
have your assistance at a place so much nearer  
this office, and where as good officers are always needed.  
I have always heard Maj Cobell spoken highly of,  
and I doubt not our official intercourse will be as  
pleasant as it possible in the circumstances in which  
we are placed will permit.

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c  
L. C. Wells  
Capt & a qu

Quartermaster's Office

Haverton Sept 25 1864

Dear Sir,

This

is

a

copy

of

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same

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I am in receipt of yours of the 21st inst and note contents. I am a great admirer of Mr. Bradley's conduct and in accordance with our terms, but we can receive no more than the usual rates. As I have before informed you we have no discussion and must abide by our published terms and come to a decision. If Mr. Bradley prefers it, you can inform him that we will receive the cotton as baled and pay him double schedule rates. But in that event we can of course receive no B.R.

Very Respectfully

your obt Serv

Chas Wells

Capt &amp; Surgeon

In drawing on me for specie freights bear in mind that such freight are only half the schedule rates. Any party who wishes to do this will have their details followed up.

Very Respectfully

Chas Wells



Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.  
 Houston, Sept 8. 1864.

Maj. J. C. Thomas, Chf. C. Ser. H. Dist. Tex.  
 Houston -

I have the honor to request the detail of  
 a man, aged 40 - 5 ft 5 in high - dark  
 hair, dark eyes, dark complexion, merchant  
 as occupation - enrolled in Harris County -  
 native of France -

for the transportation of Good Cotton to, and the  
 introduction of Supplies from the Rio Grande -  
 I respectfully submit to you the question whether,  
 under Genl. Orders, July 21<sup>st</sup>, enclosed, this detail  
 is not proper - Mr. Kleiber can be of more  
 use to the army in this Dept. if allowed to  
 continue his efforts for the supply of the army,  
 than he can be in the field - This Bureau is  
 already largely indebted to Mr. Kleiber for supplies  
 furnished last year, and he is willing to furnish  
 other supplies in advance of payment, provided he  
 is allowed an opportunity to do so.

Very respectfully, your obedient

C. G. Kelly

Capt & Q. M.

Adj. Gen.

Quartermaster Office  
 Canton Sept 9, 1864

Mr. W. C. Baker Esq  
 of Fall Hill

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst. and  
 will refer it to Capt Barrett at Henderson.

I have no jurisdiction over either  
 of the lot you refer to this.

Very respectfully  
 your obt Servt  
 C. L. Mills  
 Capt & Quar

Enclosed find your voucher for \$1675 and  
 mine of F. G. Banks. cancelled as requested  
 C. L. M.



Quartermaster's office

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Houston Sept 8 1864

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Houston Tex  
Quartermaster

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst addressed  
to Col Woodwell. Col B is now on the Rio Grande  
and cannot be expected back for a month. When he  
returns your communication will be laid before  
him.

Very respectfully  
yours, W. L. Wells  
Capt & Quar  
Master's office

London Sept 9, 1894 ✓

NT Herbar  
Sept 9, 1894



I have a receipt of yours of the 11th inst and make  
it known to the agent that the  
agent of Solomon Islands was sent to collect and  
bring back. Since which time Solomon  
Islands has been sent that island we to shut  
and prevent it from being in my enclosure  
I have a letter on paper letters authorizing  
the agent to have the cotton, if he will  
bring back a receipt for it that it was for the  
agent and not for the agent of the government  
and a receipt from the agent and it will  
show and strong proof that his purchase  
is for the benefit of the government.

You can furnish the agent  
the agent to collect for every 500 lbs  
of cotton and it will make the fair and put it  
in the hands of the agent. I cannot furnish you with  
any of the cotton, you must in each time as the  
agent is willing to find and collect for each  
cotton. But from the agent, well used  
and it will be well answered you from  
the agent. But are there articles that will  
be of use to you and in each of the articles are  
furnished in each for each of the articles  
that each article is only half of the articles  
and the agent for the agent of the agent  
and the agent for the agent of the agent  
and the agent for the agent of the agent  
and the agent for the agent of the agent



Center Bureau, Sept. 2nd 1864  
Houston Sept 9. 1864

J. S. Clarke Esq. City  
Hempstead

Sir -

Mr. S. H. D. Warren reports no  
other ready for him to have under his  
detail. He asks for a fortnight's  
twenty days to enable him to employ his  
team until you can load them - if  
you cannot employ him from the Bureau  
a part of Austin County over, you may  
authorize him to use his own time for  
twenty days, to report to you on his  
return. I do not give the authority  
to him which as I want you, who are  
organizer of all the circumstances,  
to act in the matter -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

W. C. Wells

Agent Texas

Oct. 6th.

Central American Dept. Trans. Secs  
 Boston, Sept 9. 1884.

W. H. Adams Esq. Asst.  
 The Grange.

Sir - I enclose you through Mr. Holahan, Esq. of  
 Allston, Ind. Bagging to Manila Rope for 200  
 Bale Cottons - this Box you will apply to the  
 250 Bales shipped to Ball Mutchings & Co.  
 Deliver to Ball Mutchings & Co. as soon as ready  
 one hundred and fifty Bale Cottons, Taking  
 their duplicate receipts stating Bales, pounds,  
 classification, and from whom received. Send  
 me one copy of Receipts for settlement with them  
 here -

Include in this delivery the 60 Bales Cotton  
 mentioned in your letter of August 2nd.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt.  
 C. C. Wells

Capt. A. G. L.

Acty. Clk -

C. C. Wells

Sept 10.

1884



1. Latvia. Barnum. Left Nov. His.  
March, Sept. 9. at

Wm. J. Cameron  
August 1868

Right - I have your favor of the 20th and  
note contents - I think Mr. S. will find that the published rates  
(Specie for hauling will pay him very well, counting  
the mileage over for short distances & short distances  
are very short, making the spring haulage the principal  
work, you can see or estimate the distance as to pay him  
for his labor. As the neighborhood hauling is a  
very important matter at Richmond it is desirable to  
retain some one always ready to work. As matters stand  
pay S. or his laborer wages it would be better to send  
him back to his Contractor.

I will endeavor to obtain a temporary transcript, of  
it. I have from Mr. Cook, Keene, N.H. to you on Dr.  
John at Richmond. I will send him the  
envelopes and paper. -

Cryptography  
 Problem  
 C. G. Wells.  
 Prof. R. A. O. O.  
 Aug. 1898.

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Haverton Sept 9. 1844

My dear friend  
G. W. Fuller

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Garrison  
your country, regarding the cancellation of the  
share made from him of all his shares, so as  
to be sold and on new sale. I have no objection to such a  
course being done, and request that you will cancel  
the shares made from him as above, and purchase  
them on the same day, &c. as if it were the  
cancellation of all his shares.

Very respectfully  
Your obt. servt,  
G. W. Fuller

Capt. 4 acm

Dear Sir -

I regret my misunderstanding with Mr.  
Garrison - I am aware I promised to give  
him double the price for his shares, but I did not  
intend to pay double price in specie, as the  
shares could hardly be mentioned for the value.

Still, if you have sent the letter for want  
of money, I will endeavor  
to make the payment to the extent of it, by  
drawing a draft on Mr. Perkins - Please  
send me back all the papers including the  
certified accounts, after you have settled upon  
how he prefers to settle it, governed of course,

My dear friend  
G. W. Fuller  
to G. W. Fuller



Quartermaster Office  
Houston Sept 8, 1864

Edmund  
G. Gable

I have received your communication ~~concerning~~  
concerning the purchase of a copy of the  
and 9 marcus, and think the price very good  
in all respects. I will send you by next mail  
the proof of papers in the matter as requested.  
This matter would have been attended to earlier  
but owing to the sickness of my assistants and  
being over run with business it could not be attended  
to sooner.

Very respectfully  
Yours &c. J. G. W. L.  
C. G. Wells  
copy to a gen.

San Antonio Office  
Houston Sept 9. 1864

Dear Sir  
Gonzales

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th inst and note  
I am very sorry that you were so unfortunate  
in constructing the arms and instructions of this office.  
The instructions we consider as plain and open as it  
was possible to make them, but they like all other com-  
munications must of course be vague if looked at in  
every shape. I can not give you more for your  
calls than the arms of this office permits, but  
I can not one of your requests and which I appre-  
hend will cover all your demands. I will write  
our agent at Gonzales and authorize him to cancel  
the purchase made by him from you, and  
purchase anew one half of your stock  
and issue to you his certificate on which  
I will stamp to you the half not sold the government,  
and on which Maj Cabell at Clinton or Major  
Wells at San Antonio will give you a permit  
for exportation.

Very respectfully

Enclose your letter to Capt Lynd, your att Ser't  
requesting him to make the choice  
mentioned at me, and wish which you  
can wait on him or the officer in charge  
at Gonzales and have the business  
attended to. Capt & Agm



✓  
Birmingham office  
Huntsdon Sept 9 1864

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J. M. Birmingham Esq Agent  
Fort Sullivan

Dear Sir

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I am in receipt of yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst and note  
therein. You can change with Mr Johnson as requested  
in the enclosed order & paragraph. I have no specific  
order authorized to pay drafts and paragraph 2<sup>nd</sup>, and  
it is not fair to hold parties to their agreements when  
we can not comply with ours. I will under the  
circumstances make every effort and will probably  
be able to pay Maj Townsend. Concerning the purchase  
of cotton it is immaterial to what year the crop belongs,  
all cotton is subject to Genl orders 34 & 35. Enclosed  
I send you two blank certificates as requested.

Very respectfully  
your obt Serv  
C. H. Wells  
Capt & Agt

Quartermaster's office  
Hartford Sept 1864

Adi Foster esq

Long Island City

I am in receipt of your of the 7th inst and note contents  
I cannot grant you an exemption to export cotton until  
you regularly comply with the laws of this office. I  
have no discretion in the matter. John W. Foster is  
acting agent of the Bureau of Alloys and are now  
in possession of sufficient baggage to supply your  
demands and will furnish you with (BVR) for  
conduits and if you turning over ten dollars on the  
terms of this office, and place you in a position  
to obtain the exemption you request.

Very respectfully

C. G. Wells  
Capt & Agt









✓ *Col. Duncan Sept 2nd 1864* ✓  
*Hanover, Sept 9. 1864.*

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I have the honor to request the  
 avail of  
 J. V. Sewell Private Co. 2d. Inf. Regt.

I applied for his detail while on assigned  
 duty, but failed to obtain it through  
 the proper channels. I am sorry to say that  
 I have since that time assigned on duty  
 and have obtained your application of  
 the Col. of the 2d. Inf. Regt. or Officer  
 authorized to do so.

It is not an essential in my  
 office. I am aware that my application  
 of late have been repeatedly disappointed,  
 but it is my duty to continue my  
 efforts to overcome resistance in the field  
 as much as it is allowed me I must  
 to come out any considerable part of  
 the duties assigned upon me.

Very respectfully  
 Your obedient servant  
 J. V. Sewell  
 Captain 2d. Inf. Regt.

Executive office  
Spencer Sept 9 1895

Mr. J. W. Smith  
St. Louis

I have found myself at present  
under great stress of business and  
am unable to do so much as I wish  
very respectfully  
Yours obediently  
C. G. Wells

Very much interested in all news  
of the war and hope to see you  
soon.

C. G. Wells



Received of  
 the

Treasurer of the  
 Queen's College

the sum of £1000 and fivepence as follows  
 J. D. Sullivan for 1000 00  
 J. D. Sullivan for 175 00  
 J. D. Sullivan for 250 00  
 J. D. Sullivan for 212 00  
 J. D. Sullivan for 250 00  
 J. D. Sullivan for 300 00  
 J. D. Sullivan for 500 00

Very respectfully  
 your obedient  
 servant  
 C. L. Hall  
 Cashier

My dear  
Frank  
My dear  
Frank



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Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.  
Houston, Sept 10 1864.

J. H. McLanahan Esq. At.

Paducah Bluffs, Anderson County.

Sir -

This Office is indebted to Mr. J. H. Gachane  
to the amount of \$10,000<sup>00</sup> - Eleven thousand  
and forty eight \$100 dollars, which I have  
agreed to pay him in Anderson County at the  
old schedule prices. He has Cotton of his  
own which he proposes to sell one half of to  
Govt. This half is to be paid back to him on  
account of the debt. You may visit the Cotton,  
verify its classification & weight, consider it received  
from him, return some of it back to him, taking  
his receipt for the quantity & quality delivered -  
Send this receipt to me together with your own  
& enable me to make the settlement here - You  
will make up the deficiency with the Cotton to be  
designated by him - sending me his Receipt stating  
the pounds & classification & from whom purchased.

If Mr. Gachane has standing crop to turn over to  
you give him your receipt for the quantity for settlement.

Very respectfully,  
C. C. Wells

C. C. Wells

Sept 10 1864.





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